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Threat Risks														
Risk Title	Risk Description	Key Causes	Key Consequences	Status Open / Closed	Risk Category	Key Mitigations	Current Risk Level				Monetary Impact of Risk £k	Council Risk Appetite for the risk type identified	Does the risk exceed the council's risk appetite?	Financial Risk Exposure
							Likelihood	Impact	Risk Rating	Risk Level				
Greenwashing	There is a potential reputational risk associated with the use of green gas certificates or other carbon offsetting mechanisms. If BCC declares it has met its target through Carbon offsets it is potentially open to accusations of greenwashing	Perception of the nature and reputability of green gas certificates as a genuine carbon reduction measure. Carbon offsets achieved through green gas certificates would be remote; there would be an overall reduction in carbon emissions, but not directly from the BCC estate	Claimed carbon savings not seen as real or valid, potentially invalidating council money spent on buying these certificates	Open	Reputation	<b>Treat.</b> Ensure that any green gas certification has been independently certified as reputable. Ensure traceability of actual green gas production and measurable carbon reductions as a result of this gas being produced and injected in to the GB gas grid.  Emphasise that green gas certification is an interim measure, and inform interested parties of the work that the council is still undertaking to reduce gas demand across the BCC estate	2	3	6	Medium	£536	Cautious	Yes	£160.80
Insufficient volumes	There may not be sufficient green gas available in the market for BCC's requirements	There is growing demand for green gas to meet wider corporate social responsibility commitments, that may reduce the overall availability of green gas	BCC may not be able to secure all the green gas it requires	Open	Environmental	<b>Transfer.</b> The UK Government is supporting the development of green gas production, funded in part through a new green gas Levy (GGL) on gas supplies. This is expected to progressively increase the amount of green gas available	1	3	3	Minor	£0	Cautious	No	£0.00
Impact on Council Tenants	Additional cost of green gas use in BCC Housing communal heating systems would be passed on to tenants in their heat bills	The use of green gas in communal heating systems will increase the cost of producing this heat	Additional costs of using green gas would have to be passed on to tenants. Calculation of the direct impact is complex, may only be a few £s per household per year.	Closed	Service Provision	<b>Terminate.</b> BCC Housing comes under the wider 2030 decarbonisation target, so defer the use of green gas in BCC Housing communal heating systems until at least the next gas supply contract renewal (2028)	4	3	12	Medium	£0	Cautious	Yes	£0.00
Cost of green gas Certificates	Costs are based on the current (Oct 24) price set in BCC's current gas supply contract. These prices are subject to change, and may make some options considerably more expensive.	The price of green gas certificates is set by market driven demand, it is unlikely that BCC could secure fixed prices for more than 12 months at a time.	Potential for a significant increase in the cost of a Green gas supply if future market prices rise (has recently been twice the cost of the current RGGO supply)	Open	Financial Loss/Gain	<b>Treat.</b> BCC would need to monitor market prices and secure quotes for each green gas certificate supply renewal in sufficient time to be able to review the scope and/or affordability of a green gas supply before each expected price revision.	2	3	6	Medium	£536	Cautious	Yes	£160.80
Fuel Crops	Reputational risk if BCC's gas supplies are in part provided by 'Fuel Crops'.	Green gas can be produced from a variety of 'feedstocks', including crops grown specifically for the purposes of being converted in to biomethane. This raises issues over the use of agricultural land for energy production, and the impact of growing food crops as a fuel on food prices.	There may be a reputational risk to the council for the use of food crops in energy production.	Open	Reputation	<b>Treat.</b> BCC will explore options for green gas procurement that would allow food crops to be excluded, but this may have cost implications (Waste-only RGGOs can be twice as expensive as food-crop based green gas certificates).	4	3	12	Medium	£268	Cautious	Yes	£234.50
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