



Meeting: **Twenty-second Meeting**
IRM Scottish Central & Southern Regional Group

Venue: Fife Regional Council

Hosts: David James,

Date: Wednesday, 10 September 2009

Time: 13:00 hours

Theme: **Project Risk**

Minute:

1. Welcome & Introductions

Eileen Abbess (Chair) opened the meeting at 1 pm and thanked David James from Fife Council for organising the venue, and refreshments.

The group was welcomed by , Fife Council CIO.

2. David James, Fife Council

David James, Fife Council IT lead officer, opened his talk by giving the group a brief resume of his background and experiences which had brought him to his current role managing IT security for Fife Council. He outlined the scope of the council's remit and the challenges faced working in an ever changing local authority environment.

David outlined the challenges dealing with IT security and the different nature posed by hardware (ie the computer, USB pens etc) the software (eg programmes, web material etc) and the wetware (ie the human being).

David provided some very useful links to further reading and advice on how to deal with IT security issues.

3. Eileen Abbess, The Nichols Group

Eileen presented was titled 'Risky Business? Identification and Assessment of risk associated with business change'.

The presentation started by asking the group to consider what business change meant and proposed a working definition of business change as "A programme of activity which transforms the way a business works/ moves the business forward ie changes the processes, provides new tools and people's jobs change". Consideration was then given to the definition of 'programme' and the relationship between programmes and change and the key role which people have in this dynamic.



A model was used to illustrate different aspects of risk (strategic, project, operational and change) and illustrated how an enterprise wide system was key to the success of managing risk around business change. A discussion was also held on the pros and cons of different approaches to using risk matrices for assessment of risk.

The final part of the presentation presented a model which could be used to identify sources of risk (both threats and opportunities) around business change.

4. Routes to membership

Eileen hosted short a discussion on routes to membership.

5. IRM Forum

The date of the next conference was highlighted.

6. Future meetings in 2009 are:

25 November 2009 Wednesday	Safety (H&S, Systems Safety) (David Lundy, Scottish Water) RIVO Safety software (Sarah Kilday, SAS)	Scottish Water
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7. AOB

There being no other business the meeting concluded.

<p>Aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To widen the reach of the IRM • To provide tangible benefits to those members who reside outside London • To encourage growth in membership of the IRM 	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To focus on pure risk management topics • To develop knowledge amongst members taking part • To add value to the wider risk management industry • To research and develop topical ideas on risk management techniques • To expand the boundaries of risk management thinking • To encourage active discussion amongst members and provoke thought
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