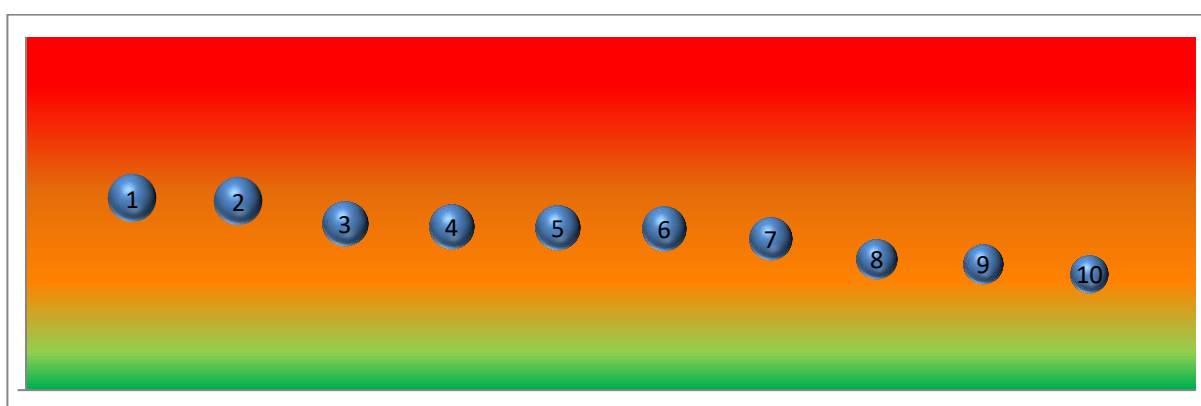


## Office Risk Report – May 2022

The Office has a risk management process in operation with a risk management committee (RMC) comprising the three directors of audit overseeing the process. The RMC meets every quarter and assesses progress in managing the risks recorded on the Office’s risk register and emerging risks.

As part of the risk management process within the Office, the RMC publishes the corporate risk register on the internet every quarter setting out the top 10 risks which are shown on a risk ‘heat map’. These are the ‘residual’ risks taking account of mitigating controls. Each risk has a summary explanation in the attached table. The RMC’s overall assessment of progress in managing the risks rated as ‘high’ is given in the ‘conclusions’ section.



Rank	Risk
1	Implications for the Office of relevant provisions in pending legislation
2	Shortage of staff and current staff capacity may not be maximised
3	Inappropriate data retention and release
4	Client capacity may negatively impact on their ability to facilitate audits and examinations
5	Ineffective ICT systems leading to inability to effectively operate or manage our business
6	Failure to meet external obligations with regard to climate action
7	Stakeholders may view certification targets and level of reporting output as inadequate
8	Disclosures made to the Office are not responded to appropriately
9	Health and safety of staff due to prolonged working from home and more complex needs
10	Resources do not align with strategic objectives

## **RMC conclusions**

The RMC does not consider there to be any high-rated residual risks at this time. The RMC reviewed progress being made in managing risks as outlined in the risk treatment actions and considered emerging and reported risks. There were no risks reported on the risk reporting system.

The RMC's overall conclusion in May 2022 is that the *implications for the Office of relevant provisions in pending legislation* is now the highest risk facing the Office, due to planned legislation in the area of protected disclosures and a review of the legislation governing the Office. The risk that *external stakeholders may view audit certification targets and/or level of reporting output as inadequate* has been reduced due to the generally positive responses to the recent client feedback survey. The risk relating to the move to blended working has been removed from the register in view of the agreement of the blended working policy and the commencement of the pilot period.