

### RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

#### Purpose

This policy statement formally recognises the Council's responsibility and commitment to deal properly and proactively with the strategic and operational risks that it faces (both internally and externally).

#### Main Aims

The Council's main aims in relation to Risk Management are: -

- a. To ensure that the Council has appropriate systems in place to help identify, evaluate and make a conscious choice about how to deal with the business risks that it faces;
- b. That systems are in place to track business risks (both existing and emerging) on an ongoing basis;
- c. That risk management is an essential part of the day to day management culture of the organisation in relation to how the business operates and makes decisions;
- d. That risk management training forms part of the normal training / induction programmes that are given to officers and members on an ongoing basis;
- e. To have a performance framework that continues to allow managers to proactively track performance, and assess / deal with risk in a timely fashion;
- f. To ensure that the Council continues to manage its business in a 'no surprises manner';

The Council's Risk Management Policy and Strategy will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and reported to Monitoring and Audit Committee.

The Council recognises that it must have a good performance management framework and systems of internal control if it is to manage its resources properly and make a positive contribution to the achievement of its Corporate Objectives.