

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.