

## AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

30 October 2018

### RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Report of the Director for Resources

Strategic Aim:	All	
Exempt Information	No	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:	Mr O Hemsley, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Rutland One Public Estate & Growth, Tourism & Economic Development, Resources (other than Finance and Communications)	
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Ward Councillors	N/A	

#### DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee comments on the Risk Management Policy which will be reviewed in 2019

#### 1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present the current Risk Management Policy for comment following discussions at the last Committee.

#### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Committee asked to see the Risk Management Policy which is attached at **Appendix A**.
- 2.2 At the last Audit Committee in September, the Committee received the latest version of the risk register. Various comments were made which are being considered by SMT.
- 2.3 One of the areas that the Committee highlighted at the September meeting was the appropriateness of the financial impact measures set out in Appendix C of the Policy. It is the Directors' view that for the purposes of assessing corporate risks the measures remain adequate. However, clarification may be needed to ensure that readers understand that whilst Council treats financial loss below £500k as

low risk for strategic analysis purposes, this does not reflect the Council's attitude to managing financial loss below this level. The Committee will be aware, through the work of internal audit, that the Council has a control framework in place in all areas (payroll, benefits etc) to prevent loss at any financial level.

2.4 One other area of focus was risk appetite. It is important that this is articulated however complex it may be. The current definition is set out in Section 5 of the Policy.

2.5 The Policy will be reviewed again next year and the Director would welcome any comments to feed into that work.

### **3 CONSULTATION**

3.1 No formal external consultation is necessary; the purpose of the report is to consult with this Committee.

### **4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

4.1 This report provides an opportunity for the Audit and Risk Committee to review the Policy therefore there are no alternative options.

### **5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report but the Committee should note that the failure to manage risks effectively could have a financial impact on the Council.

### **6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

6.1 As set out in the terms of reference within the constitution, this Committee has responsibility to provide assurance of the adequacy of the Risk Management framework and control environment. Approval of the Policy sits with Cabinet.

6.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **7 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 A Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has not been completed because there are no service, policy or organisational changes being proposed.

### **8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has not been completed because there are no service, policy or organisational changes being proposed.

### **9 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no community safety implications.

### **10 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications.

### **11 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE**

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11.1 The Committee's role is to monitor the effective development and operation of risk management and corporate governance. The Risk Management Policy sets out the framework.

## **12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 12.1 There are no additional background papers.

## **13 APPENDICES**

- 13.1 Appendix A: Risk Management Policy

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