



RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

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Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC)

Risk Management Policy

Introduction

CALC recognises the importance of Risk Management in order to maintain the ability to deliver the activities/ services expected of CALC. Risk Management is a factor that enables CALC to satisfy its objective to deliver high quality public services.

Purpose and Scope

This policy applies to all employees and Board Directors or others who may be carrying out operations for and on behalf of CALC, and those who may be affected by their work.

Responsibility for Risk Management

Responsibility for effective Risk Management rests with the Chief Officer of CALC.

CALC Board Directors also have responsibility for Risk Management as risks threaten the achievement of policy objectives. In the context of Risk Management Board Directors should;

- exercise leadership,
- consider and adopt current and future risk management policies and strategies, and
- support and monitor the risk management schedule, ***reviewing it annually***.

The Chief Officer has overall responsibility for securing adherence to CALC's policy on Risk Management.

Risk Management Policy Statement

The Risk Management Policy of CALC is to be fully committed to effective Risk Management, adopting best practices in the identification, evaluation and control of risks, in order to:

- integrate risk management into the culture of CALC;
- eliminate or reduce risks to an acceptable level;
- anticipate and respond to changing social, environmental and legislative requirements;
- prevent injury and damage and reduce the cost of risk;
- raise awareness of the need for Risk Management.



Approach to Risk Management

CALCs approach to Risk Management requires that all risks should be systematically identified and managed in the most cost-effective manner within overall resources available.

Each risk identified by CALC is recorded in the CALC Risk Assessment Schedule. The impact is assessed, and appropriate control measures are put in place. A Review Frequency is implemented, and the management of the Risk is assigned to a person within CALC.

The overall responsibility to ensure that this procedure is adhered to rests with the Chief Officer of CALC.

See attached Risk Management Schedule

Review of policy

The Risk Management Policy and associated Risk Assessment will be reviewed by the Chief Officer on an **annual basis** or earlier if required by legislation or as a result of changes to operational practice.

Following review by the Chief Officer, it will be submitted for approval to the CALC Board of Directors, together with the associated Risk Assessment.