

The Council and its employees are committed to the continuing embedding into corporate business processes and operations risk management activities which intend to maximise opportunity, and minimise uncertainty through the identification and appropriate control of all significant risks which may affect the achievement of corporate objectives.

**Policy Objectives:**

The Council and its employees will seek to achieve the statement above through the following risk management policy objectives:

- To manage risks (and benefits or opportunities arising) in accordance with best practice, through a culture where responsible, informed and controlled risk taking is encouraged, with agreed risk acceptance parameters;
- To respond to new and emerging risks, including risks arising from changes in the economic, financial, social, legislative, compliance, sustainability, technological and environmental requirements;
- To manage risks arising from programmes, projects and significant partnerships and relationships that the Council is involved in;
- To have in place plans for dealing with risks that may occur following a major incident or significant service disruption, in terms of ensuring the development, maintenance, exercising and testing of comprehensive Council-wide and service based emergency resilience and business continuity plans;
- To contribute towards the effective corporate governance arrangements within the Council, including the embedment of risk management activities into the Councils processes and procedures, and the development and maintenance of the Councils Annual Governance Review;
- To contribute towards the sustainability of the Future Council by providing assurances to leaders that risks are being effectively managed and mitigated, that the Councils decision making processes remain transparent and risk-based, and that the Council remains 'safe';
- To support and enable partners and other groups to become more actively involved in the provision of services that may be delivered on behalf of the Council, by improving their capacity and competency to effectively manage risk; and,
- Supporting localised governance arrangements such as the Councils 'Area Councils' to ensure they are well governed and 'risk-enabled' in terms of their own decision making and activities.

**These Objectives will be support by:**

- The continued development and implementation of a risk management framework that facilitates the effective and efficient management of risk;
- The integration of risk management into the corporate business processes of the Council;
- The support and encouragement of risk management activity throughout the Council and the recognition of the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders;
- The provision of practical guidance to assist in the development of core competencies and skills for all employees within the Council;
- The development and delivery of training and awareness schemes for all employees, Elected Members and other interested parties;
- The regular review of risk registers, including the escalation of risks that may fall outside of the agreed acceptance levels; and,
- The provision of timely and regular reports that provide assurances that significant risks relating to the achievement of corporate objectives are being appropriately managed.

Signed:



Date:

1<sup>st</sup> June 2015

Chief Executive  
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed:



Date:

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

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