

Barnsley Council Risk Management Policy and Framework

Policy Statement

Barnsley Council recognises that it has a responsibility to manage the risks it faces effectively in order to:

- Ensure that statutory obligations and policy objectives are met
- Prioritise areas for improvement in service provision and encourage meeting or exceeding customer and stakeholder expectations
- Safeguard its employees, clients and service users, Members and all other stakeholders to whom the Council has a duty of care
- Protect its property and assets including buildings, equipment, vehicles, information and all other assets and resources
- Identify and manage potential liabilities
- Maintain effective control of public funds and the efficient deployment and use of resources to achieve "Value for Money"
- Preserve and promote the reputation of the Council
- Support the quality of the environment
- Engage effectively with its partner organisations and wider community
- Learn from previous threats, opportunities, successes and failures to inform the future management of risks

Risk management is an integral part of the Council's corporate governance arrangements and has been built into the management processes as part of the Authority's overall framework to deliver continuous improvement. All Members and Officers have a responsibility and a role to play in managing risk.

The Council will seek to achieve effective Risk Management by:

- Implementing a Risk Management Framework that is fit for purpose and which compliments the other governance processes of the Council
- Equipping all employees and Elected Members with the skills required to identify and assess risk and communicate this appropriately and effectively
- Acknowledging that increasingly risks are shared across partner organisations, which can increase the complexity of analysis and reporting, and, also that assurances regarding the level of risk may need to be sought from third parties as well as internal sources
- Annually reviewing the effectiveness of Risk Management and reporting the results as part of the Annual Governance Statement
- Considering on an on-going basis that the Councils approach remains in line with good practice, whilst reviewing the Policy and Framework formally every 2 years

Signed:



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Leader of the Council



Sarah Norman
Chief Executive