

Northampton Borough Council
Risk Management Policy Statement

Whilst an element of risk is an integral part of everyday life, the level of exposure to risk is controllable. Northampton Borough Council will take all reasonable steps to remove or reduce sources of significant risk to its employees, assets and stakeholders.

Risk management is a positive tool that is incorporated into the management process to help achieve corporate and directorate objectives. The Council is committed to adopting a corporate, systematic and structured approach to the control of risk.

It is the responsibility of each individual employee to review their methods and conditions of work to ensure that significant sources of risk are removed, or controlled at an acceptable level. To assist in this, the Risk Manager will perform a facilitating role, providing information, support and expertise.

Wherever possible the Council will support any initiatives that significantly reduce the level of risk.

To give effect to this Policy Statement the Council will issue a Risk Management Strategy document to set out inter alia:

- Levels of responsibility for identifying and managing key risks
- The format in which risk registers will be established and maintained
- Respective roles and responsibilities of officers and elected members
- Reporting procedures
- Arrangements for training and support
- Relationship of risk management to decision making

Chief Executive

Leader of the Council

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