Risk Management Policy

Aligned City Value/s	Approachable	Responsive	Transparent	Innovative
Responsible Directorate	Office of the CEO			
Responsible Business Unit/s	Governance			
Responsible Officer	Manager Governance			
Affected Business Unit/s	All			

Objective

Risk management is a fundamental element of sound corporate governance and is part of the City's organisational purpose, governance, leadership and commitment.

This policy establishes the City's commitment to embedding risk management practices across the organisation to support the delivery of the City's Strategic Community Plan, Sustainable Stirling (2022-2032), Corporate Business Plan and Accountable Stirling Action Plan.

Scope

This policy covers all activities of the City from Strategic and Service Planning, Corporate Governance including operational activities and specific projects.

Policy

The City is committed to: -

- Utilising the principles of managing risks as outlined in the Australian/New Zealand Standard (AS/NZS) ISO 31000:2018 Risk Management - Guidelines.
- Implementing the risk management principles in the City's operations and services through the City's Risk Management Framework.
- Aligning the City's strategic and service risks to the risk appetites set by Council.
- Measuring the occurrence of risk against Key Risk Indicators.
- Continuously improve and mature the City's risk management practices and processes.
- Promoting, educating and empowering employees in risk management.

The City will achieve the outcomes listed through: -

- Council adopting the City's strategic risk register, strategic risk appetite and key risk indicators.
- Regular reporting of risk performance through the Audit Committee to Council.
- Implementing risk treatment action plans and reporting implementation through the Audit Committee and Council.
- Regular reporting of service risk performance through the Audit Committee to Council.
- Regular review of the City's Risk Management Framework and risk registers through the Audit Committee and Council.
- Alignment of the City's service risk registers to the City's strategic risk register and risk appetites as set by Council.
- Implementation of improvement initiatives as set out in the Accountable Stirling Action Plan.

Definitions

Risk – AS/NZS ISO 31000:2018 defines risk as "effect of uncertainty on objectives''.

A risk is often specified in terms of risk sources, potential events or circumstances and the consequences and likelihood that flow from it.

Risk Management – AS/NZS ISO 31000:2018 defines risk management as "coordinated activities to direct and control an organisation with regard to risk''.

Risk Management Framework – ISO Guide 73:2009 Risk Management - Vocabulary defines a risk management framework as a "set of components that provide the foundations and organizational arrangements for designing, implementing, monitoring, reviewing and continually improving risk management throughout the organization".

Relevant management practices/documents

City of Stirling Risk Management Framework
City of Stirling Accountable Stirling Action Plan 2023-2025
City of Stirling Integrity Strategy
City of Stirling Integrity and Misconduct Management Practice
AS/NZS ISO 31000: 2018 Risk Management – Guidelines
ISO Guide 73: 2009 Risk Management - Vocabulary

Legislation/local law requirements

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 5.41
Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 – Regulation 17
Local Government Operational Guidelines No 9

Office use only				
Relevant delegations	Not Applicable			
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