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PURPOSE

To promote good management practice and good corporate governance and to enable continuous improvement in decision-making and performance.

The objectives of the risk management planning is to:

- define the Council's tolerance to risk and communicate it throughout the Council and the community; and
- align risk management to the Regional Plan.

SCOPE

This policy covers both strategic risks (relating to the Regional Plan strategic goals) and the operational risks (all the operations of the Council).

DEFINITION AND TERMS

MEMBER - means all elected members (Councillors), Local Authority members or Committee members whether elected or appointed by the Council.

CEO - means the Chief Executive Officer and includes the acting CEO.

RISK - can be defined as the combination of the probability of an event and its consequences.

RISK MANAGEMENT - is the processes and structures for the effective management of potential risks and adverse effects.

RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS - is the systematic application of management policies, procedures and practices to the tasks of establishing the context, identifying, and analysing, evaluating, treating, monitoring and communicating risk.

LEGISLATION AND REFERENCE

Northern Territory Local Government General Instruction No.3 – Audit Committees

POLICY STATEMENT

The Central Desert Regional Council is committed to managing risk in the Council.

Council is responsible for the Strategic Risk Management Plan, which will be developed by the Audit and Risk Committee. The Executive Management Team (EMT) is responsible for developing an operational Risk Management Plan.

The Council through its delegated committee the Audit and Risk Committee are responsible for:

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- Ensuring that a Risk Management Policy has been developed, adopted and communicated throughout the Council.
- Reviewing the Risk Management Policy annually.
- Determining Council's strategic risks and endorsing the Strategic Risk Management Plan.

The CEO and Executive are responsible for:

- Establishing the risk tolerance level of the Council for adoption by the Council.
- Developing and managing the operational risk management plan for the Council.
- Ensuring that risk management processes are fully documented and managed through the records management system.

RISK MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES:

- identify and rank significant strategic and operational risks using the Central Desert Council risk management process;
- ensure risk management becomes part of day-to-day management;
- provide staff with the policies and procedures necessary to manage risks; and
- monitor the Council's strategic risk profile and implement a continuous improvement approach to risk management.

REVIEW HISTORY

Date	Details
06 October 2010	Adopted by Council
November 2014	Reviewed by Audit and Risk Committee and referred to Council for adoption
December 2014	Adopted by Council (OC001/2014)
November 2015	Reviewed by Audit and Risk Committee and referred to Council for adoption
August 2016	Council adopted the revised policy (OC145/2016)
7 December 2018	Reviewed by Audit and Risk Committee and referred to Council for adoption
31 January 2019	Council adopted revised policy (OC009/2019)
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