

RISK MANAGEMENT

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1. OBJECTIVES

The City of Karratha Risk Management Policy documents Council's commitment to and objectives around managing and mitigating risk to:

- ensure Risk Management is adopted throughout the City of Karratha as a management practice through a series of procedures, plans, and practices;
- ensure all employees are made aware of the need to manage risk and to promote a culture of participation in this process;
- protect the City from adverse incidents, to reduce exposure to loss and to mitigate and control loss should it occur;
- ensure the ongoing capacity of the City to fulfil its mission, perform its key functions, meet its strategic objectives and serve its customers;
- reduce the costs of risk to the City;
- develop and maintain a Business Continuity Management Program to reduce the impact of disruptions to service and to ensure that business objectives can continue to be met; and
- adhere to relevant Legislation and Australian Standards, in particular the Australian Standard 31000:2009.

2. DEFINITIONS

Risk: Effect of uncertainty on objectives (AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009).

Note 1: An effect is a deviation from the expected – positive or negative.

Note 2: Objectives can have different aspects (such as financial, health and safety, and environmental) and can apply at different levels (such as strategic, organisation-wide, project, product or process).

Risk Management: Coordinated activities to direct and control an organisation with regard to risk.

Risk Management Process: Systematic application of management policies, procedures and practices to the activities of communicating, consulting, establishing the context, and identifying, analysing, evaluating, treating, monitoring and reviewing risk.

3. PRINCIPLES

It is the Policy of the City of Karratha to achieve best practice in the management of all risks that threaten to affect the City of Karratha, its customers, people, reputations, assets, functions, objectives, operations and members of the public.

The City of Karratha is committed to:

- the full integration of Risk Management practices into the City's strategic and operational planning processes, and
- ensuring a strong risk management culture exists and undertaking a range of activities to help promote and embed risk management practices.

Risk Management is to form part of the Strategic, Operational, Line Management and Project Management responsibilities and be integrated into Strategic, Business and Project Planning processes. The Risk Management Framework will need to align and integrate with the strategic planning processes.

The Audit and Organisational Risk Committee will monitor risk management implementation and performance throughout the City

Every employee is recognised as having a role in Risk Management including vigilance in the identification of risks to treatment and shall be invited and encouraged to participate in that process.

The City will ensure that each risk must have an 'owner' and ensure there are appropriate controls in place to identify that owner.

3.1 Reporting

All decision makers are to assess decisions based on approved risk assessment criteria. Where there are notifiable risks, they are to be reported through approved processes in accordance with policy. These risks will be tabulated and submitted to the Executive Management Team (EMT) for determination.

3.2 Council's Risk Appetite

Consultation shall be undertaken with various staff to assess Council's measure of consequences tables to activity areas across the organisation. This is to be reviewed and reported periodically to ensure that risks are being closely monitored and within Council's tolerance limits.

3.3 Training and Development

Risk management training will be provided on a regular and as needed basis.

3.4 Monitor and Review

The City will implement a monitoring and review process to report on the achievement of the Risk Management Objectives, the management of individual risks and the ongoing identification of issues and trends.

3.5 Fraud and Corruption

A Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy will be developed to provide guidance and direction to the City for: preventing fraud, corruption and misconduct; detecting fraud and corruption; as well as effectively responding to fraud and corruption. The Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy will expand on the City's commitment to developing and implementing internal controls in regards to fraud and corruption and how to mitigate this risk at the City.

4. CONSEQUENCES

This policy represents the formal policy and expected standards of the City. Appropriate approvals need to be obtained prior to any deviation from the policy. It is imperative that Councillors and Officers retain appropriate documentation to substantiate adherence to this Policy. Elected Members and Employees are reminded of their obligations under the City's Code of Conduct to give full effect to the lawful policies, decisions and practices of the City.

5. REFERENCES TO RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Attachment A - Risk Criteria Tables:
 - Existing Controls Rating
 - Measures of Consequence
 - Measures of Likelihood
 - Risk Matrix
 - Risk Acceptance Criteria
- Enterprise Risk Management Framework
- AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management – Principles and Guidelines
- ISO Guide 73 Risk Management – Vocabulary
- IEC/ISO 31010 Risk Management – Risk Assessment Techniques

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This Policy takes effect from the date of adoption by Council and shall remain valid until it is amended or deleted.

EXISTING CONTROLS RATING

LEVEL	DESCRIPTOR	FORESEEABLE	DESCRIPTION
E	Excellent	Doing more than what is reasonable under circumstances	Controls are fully in place, are being well addressed / complied with, are subject to ongoing maintenance and monitoring and are being continuously reviewed and tested.
A	Adequate	Doing what is reasonable under the circumstances	Controls are in place, are being addressed / complied with and are subject to periodic review and testing.
I	Inadequate	Not doing some or all things reasonable under the circumstances	Controls do not exist, or are not being addressed / complied with, or have not been reviewed or tested for some time.

MEASURES OF CONSEQUENCE

LEVEL	DESCRIPTOR	HEALTH	FINANCIAL	SERVICE INTERRUPTION	ENVIRONMENT	REPUTATION	COMPLIANCE
1	Insignificant	Negligible injuries	Less than \$10K	No material service interruption	Contained, reversible impact managed by on site response	Unsubstantiated, low impact, low profile or 'no news' item	No noticeable regulatory or statutory impact
2	Minor	First aid treatment	\$10K - \$50K	Short term temporary interruption – backlog cleared < 1 day	Contained, reversible impact managed by internal response	Substantiated, low impact, low news item	Some temporary non compliances
3	Moderate	Medical treatment	\$50K - \$200K	Medium term temporary interruption – backlog cleared by additional resources < 1 week	Contained, reversible impact managed by external agencies	Substantiated, public embarrassment, moderate impact, moderate news profile	Short term non compliance but with significant regulatory requirements imposed
4	Major	Death or permanent disablement	\$200K - \$1M	Prolonged interruption of services – additional resources; performance affected < 1 month	Uncontained, reversible impact managed by a coordinated response from external agencies	Substantiated, public embarrassment, high impact, high news profile, third party actions	Non compliance results in termination of services or imposed penalties
5	Catastrophic	Multiple deaths or severe permanent disablements	More than \$1M	Indeterminate prolonged interruption of services – non performance > 1 month	Uncontained, irreversible impact	Substantiated, public embarrassment, very high multiple impacts, high widespread multiple news profile, third party actions	Non compliance results in litigation, criminal charges or significant damages or penalties

MEASURES OF LIKELIHOOD

LEVEL	DESCRIPTOR	DESCRIPTION	FREQUENCY
5	Almost Certain	The event is expected to occur in most circumstances.	More than once per year.
4	Likely	The event will probably occur in most circumstances.	At least once per year.
3	Possible	The event should occur at some time.	At least once in 3 years.
2	Unlikely	The event could occur at some time.	At least once in 10 years.
1	Rare	The event may only occur in exceptional circumstances.	Less than once in 15 years.

RISK MATRIX

Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
		1	2	3	4	5
Almost Certain	5	5	10	15	20	25
Likely	4	4	8	12	16	20
Possible	3	3	6	9	12	15
Unlikely	2	2	4	6	8	10
Rare	1	1	2	3	4	5

RISK ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

LEVEL OF RISK	DESCRIPTOR	DESCRIPTION	CRITERIA FOR RISK ACCEPTANCE	RESPONSIBILITY
1 – 4	LOW	Acceptable	Risk acceptable with adequate controls, managed by routine procedures and subject to annual monitoring.	Operational Manager
5 – 9	MODERATE	Monitor	Risk acceptable with adequate controls, managed by specific procedures and subject to semi-annual monitoring.	Operational Manager
10 – 16	HIGH	Urgent Attention Required	Risk acceptable with excellent controls, managed by senior management / executive and subject to monthly monitoring	CEO / Council
17 - 25	EXTREME	Unacceptable	Risk only acceptable with excellent controls and all treatment plans to be explored and implemented where possible, managed by highest level of authority and subject to continuous monitoring.	CEO / Council