

Section 4 – Risk management

- 3.1 The Council recognises effective risk management as integral to its duties to maintain the ability to deliver efficiently the activities and services expected of the Council. Importantly, effective risk management enables the Council to satisfy its objective to deliver high quality services which represent good value for public money.
- 3.2 The assessment of risk is considered dynamic in nature needing ongoing re-evaluation against changing risks and threats. Responsibility rests with all individuals be they Members of the Council or employees.
- 3.3 Members are expected to: -
- comply with all relevant legislation including that on Health & Safety
 - eliminate or reduce risks as far as possible,
 - anticipate and respond to changing social, environmental and legislative requirements,
 - prevent injury and damage
 - raise awareness of the need for risk management, and fully integrate risk management into the culture and workings of the Council.
- 3.4 The Council will follow the recommendations made in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England published by NALC & partners. Recommendations include:
- all risks to be systematically identified and logged in a Risk Assessment Register.
 - The Risk Assessment Register to be assigned to a named Councillor
 - Against each risk an assessment to be documented of:
 - the likelihood of it happening,
 - the impact if it did
 - measures that are required to reduce the risk as far as is possible
 - a minimum review frequency.