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1. PURPOSE

1.1. The purpose of the Risk Management Policy (the Policy) is to enable an integrated approach to risk management through:

- Commitment to core risk management principles;
- Defining responsibilities for the application of risk identification, assessment, evaluation and treatment programs across Council operations;
- A Risk Management Framework (“the Framework”) that provides the tools and programmes to underpin Council’s approach to achieving a balance between the costs of managing a risk and the anticipated benefits.

1.2. The management of risk will be integrated into Council’s governance structures, including decision making. Risk Management leads to the successful achievement of Council’s Vision, Strategic Plan Objectives and community expectations.

1.3. To achieve the objectives of the Policy, the Framework has been developed.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

2.1. Council is committed to maintaining and applying governance and risk management principles to ensure that any impacts to strategic and business objectives are considered and analysed.

2.2. Council will adopt and implement a systematic approach to identify, assess, evaluate and treat (mitigate) risks. The risk management program involves identifying opportunities to ensure Council achieves its strategic goals whilst recording and managing its operational risks.

2.3. Management will lead, actively participate and have complete oversight over all aspects of risk management within their areas of responsibility

2.4. Council will maintain the Framework consistent with the guidelines and principles of risk management as set out in the International Standard ISO31000:2018 - Risk Management Guidelines, with the goal of providing a consistent approach for dealing with uncertainties likely to impact on the achievement of Councils Vision.

2.5. The risk register(s) will be periodically and consistently reviewed in accordance with set timeframes identified in the Framework.

3. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The performance of the risk management program will be measured through three distinct categories:

- Compliance with the Policy and related Risk Management Framework, through internal and external auditing and evaluation.

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- Value add to the whole of Council
- Benchmarking, Monitoring and Development of Council's Risk Maturity and Culture

4. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 4.1 Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1999 ('LG Act') requires Council to ensure that appropriate policies practices and procedures of internal control are implemented and maintained in order to assist the Council to carry out its activities in an efficient and orderly manner to achieve its objectives.
- 4.2 Section 132A of the LG Act requires Council to ensure that appropriate policies, practices and procedures are implemented and maintained in order to ensure compliance with statutory requirements and achieve and maintain standards of good public administration.
- 4.3 Section 134(4) (b) of the LG Act requires Council to adopt risk management policies, controls and systems.

5. DEFINITIONS

Definitions are outlined within the Framework

6. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1 Council

Council is responsible for the approval of this Policy and overseeing the systematic approach to managing risk across Council operations.

6.2. Audit Committee

The Audit and Risk Committee is responsible for monitoring and evaluating appropriate internal control and risk management policies and systems are implemented and maintained in order to assist the Council to carry out its activities in an efficient and orderly manner to achieve its objectives, to ensure adherence to management policies, to safeguard the Council's assets, and to secure (as far as possible) the accuracy and reliability of Council records.

6.3 Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

The CEO has the responsibility for ensuring that:

- a Framework is established and implemented and
- risk management is integrated into Council's activities and functions.

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6.4 Executive Team

Members of the Executive Team are responsible for:

- Commitment to promotion of this Policy and the Framework whilst monitoring Council's overall risk profile and controls;
- Reporting the status of Council's risk profile and mitigation strategies to the Audit and Risk Committee;
- The implementation, management and evaluation of risk management, in accordance with the Policy and Framework within their areas of responsibility;
- Undertaking the risk management program as per the requirements of the Policy and Framework; and
- Ensuring that risk based information is identified and recorded in Council's Risk Register through the organisations Risk Coordinator,.

6.5 Management Team

The Management Team together with the Risk Coordinator is responsible for:

- Assisting the Executive Team to develop, implement and maintain the risk management framework and program in a systematic and standardised manner;
- Development and maintenance of a Risk Register(s) that records reasonably foreseeable Operational and Strategic risks, including risk mitigation strategies;
- Assisting the Executive Team in development and compilation of reports relating to Council's risk profile and mitigation strategies.

6.5 Leadership Team

The Leadership Team is responsible for:

- Assisting the Executive and Management Teams to implement, maintain and report on the risk management framework and program in a systematic and standardised manner;

6.6 Risk Coordinator

The Risk Coordinator is responsible for:

- Coordination of risk management activities, programming and strategy in accordance with Council Policy and Framework.

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6.7 Employees, Elected Members, Volunteers and Contractors:

All Council Employees, Elected Members, Volunteers and Contractors are responsible for:

- Identifying, evaluating and managing risks in their daily activities and projects;
- Adhering to the requirements of Council's risk management policy and framework.

7. AVAILABILITY

7.1 The Policy will be available on Council's website with hard copies supplied on request.

7. REVIEW & EVALUATION

This Policy is scheduled for review by Council in June 2028; however, will be reviewed as required by any legislative changes which may occur.

8. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

This Policy will be available for inspection at Council's principal office during ordinary business hours and on the Council's website www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au. Copies will also be provided to interested members of the community upon request, and upon payment of a fee in accordance with Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges.

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Related Policies:	Prudential Management Policy - P415 Internal Audit Policy Fraud and Corruption Policy Emergency Management Policy
Related Procedures:	
Related Documents:	AS/NZS ISO31000:2009 Risk Management – Principles and Guidelines ISO31000:2018 Risk Management - Guidelines City of Mount Gambier Risk Management Framework Audit Committee Terms of Reference (AR11/51413[V6])

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