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RISK MANAGEMENT & POLICY STATEMENT

Introduction

All local authorities are legally required to have risk management arrangements in place in respect of all activities, non-financial and financial. As stated in the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015:

“A relevant body must ensure that it has a sound system of internal control which:

- a. facilitates the effective exercise of its functions and the achievement of its aims and objectives;
- b. ensures that the financial and operational management of the authority is effective; and
- c. includes effective arrangements for the management of risk.”

Definition

Risk is the chance or possibility of loss, damage, injury or failure to achieve the authority's aims and objectives caused by an action or event for which the authority may be unprepared. This is defined as the product of likelihood versus impact. Risk management is the process whereby a risk is identified, evaluated and, wherever possible, mitigated to the lowest possible level.

Policy Statement

St Cuthbert (Out) Parish Council recognises its responsibility to effectively manage risk in order to protect its members, assets, liabilities and the community against potential losses and to maintain its ability to achieve its objectives to deliver the activities/services expected of the Council.

The Council expects all councillors and employees to understand the nature of any risks and the Council accept responsibility for risks associated with its area of authority. Co-operation and commitment are required to ensure that the Council's resources are not wasted as a result of uncontrolled risk and that any reduction in the risk of injury, illness, loss or damage benefits the whole community.

Risk Management

Risk management forms part of the Council's management process. Each risk identified by the Council is recorded in the Council's Risk Register, its impact assessed and appropriate control measures put in place. The Risk Register is reviewed regularly.

When considering any new activity/event, the Clerk with the Chairman of the Council will prepare a draft risk assessment including risk management proposals for consideration and adoption by the council.