

Council Policy

2.1.27 RISK MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this Policy is to demonstrate the Shire of Wickepin's commitment to the development of a culture of risk-based decision making directed towards the effective management of potential opportunities and reduction of potential impacts of risk.

Risk management is defined in the International Standard (ISO 31000) as the coordinated activities to direct and control an organisation with regard to risk.

The Shire of Wickepin is committed to the effective management of risk and will implement a risk management framework based on the ISO 31000 Standard to achieve this. The Council recognises that adequate resources are needed to effectively manage risks.

The Council is responsible for:

- a) Ensuring that a Risk Management Policy has been developed and adopted;
- b) Ensuring the Chief Executive Officer has implemented the risk management framework; and
- c) Establishment of an Audit Committee to assist the Council in fulfilling its corporate governance, stewardship, leadership and control responsibilities in relation to risk management.

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for:

- a) Communicating the Risk Management Policy throughout the Shire;
- b) Establishing risk management processes across the Shire's operations; and
- c) Reviewing the appropriateness and effectiveness of a local government's systems and procedures in relation to risk management, internal control and legislative compliance not less than once every 3 financial years and reporting the results of that review to the Audit Committee as per Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996.

RELATED DOCUMENTATION / LEGISLATION

- International Standard ISO 31000:2018 - Risk Management Guidelines
- Risk Management Framework
- Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996

RESOLUTION:	DATE OF REVIEW: