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## **BUXTED PARISH COUNCIL**

### **RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT**

Buxted Parish Council is aware that some risk will always exist and can never be wholly eliminated.

The Council recognizes that it has a responsibility to manage various risks and associated hazards and support a structured and focused approach to managing them by means of an approved risk management strategy. Through this process, the Council will be able to more fully achieve its overall aims and objectives of delivering a beneficial, effective and efficient service to the community.

The Council's risk management strategy objectives are as follows:

- Integrate risk management into the culture of the council
- Manage risk in accordance with best practice, insuring against liability where it is prudent and cost effective to do so
- Anticipate and respond to changing social, environmental, financial and legislative requirements
- Prevent injury, damage and other losses and reduce the cost of risk
- Raise awareness of the need for risk management by all those connected with the delivery of the Council's services

These objectives will be achieved by:

- Establishing clear roles and responsibilities for the delivery of risk management
- Ensuring that all involved receive proper training in the understanding and delivery of risk management
- Identifying where necessary and providing resources to identified priority risk areas
- Reinforcing as appropriate the importance of effective risk management in the everyday culture and delivery of the Council's services
- Establishing and continuing appropriate and effective monitoring arrangements on an on-going basis
- Effecting a suitable insurance policy with a Company specializing in risks associated with Town and Parish Council Services