RAMOTSHERE MOILOA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



RISK MANAGEMENT ASSURANCE PLAN 2014/2015 FINANCIAL YEAR



Risk Management Assurance Plan

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RISK MANAGEMENT ASSURANCE PLAN

1. INTRODUCTION

Council, the honorable Executive Mayor and Accounting Officer, needs assurance that the unacceptable and strategic risks for the 2014/2015 financial year are being mitigated successfully, by the Risk Owners.

The purpose of this document is to formulate an assurance plan to give guidance on how assurance will be given that all risks are being successfully mitigated.

This will enable management to assign resources to mitigate the risks to an acceptable level.

2. PURPOSE

The objective of the assurance plan are:

- Identify and specify the various assurance parties that will play a role in providing assurance.
- Link risk management activities with assurance activities
- Provide a basis for identifying any area of potential assurance gaps.

3. APPROACH

The approach is that the various role players will work independently of each other in providing assurance.

The role players will however complement each other.

The assurance plan will be based on the Risk Management Registers (Unacceptable and strategic risks) for the 2014/2015 financial year.

4. ROLE PLAYERS IN TERMS OF THE ASSURANCE PLAN

The following role players will be part of the assurance plan.

5. INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT

The Internal Audit Unit will provide assurance in terms of their based audit plan and internal audit methodology. The adequacy of risk management processes will also be evaluated.

6. AUDITOR-GENERAL

The Officer of the Auditor General will provide assurance in terms of the key risks that affects fair presentation of financial statement and performance management.

7. NATIONAL / PROVINCIAL TREASURY

The National/ Provincial Treasury will provide assurance with regards to the maturity level of risk management processes in the municipality.

8. ANNUAL REPORT

The honorable Executive Mayor will provide assurance to the residents of Ramotshere Moiloa that the municipality successfully mitigates its risks and identifies opportunities within the risk tolerance level and appetite of the municipality.

9. METHODOLOGY AND REPORTING

The methodology will be based on the following

- Risk Owners will submit action plans with due dates to the Risk Manager and Action Owners will mitigate the risks as per action plans submitted.
- The Risk Owners will submit quarterly reports to the Risk Management Committee, who will
 then provide assurance to the Municipal Manager whether risks are successfully mitigated or
 not.
- The Internal Audit Unit will provide assurance through audit reports, to the Audit Committee.
- The Audit Committee will submit reports to the Municipal Manager and Executive Mayor.
- The Risk Manager will on an ad-hoc basis, engage members of the Provincial Risk
 Management Forum, Provincial Support from SALGA and submit action plans and mitigation reports to them.
- The Office of the Auditor-General will evaluate risk management processes as part of their yearly audit. Assurance will be provided in their audit report.
- National Treasury will evaluate the maturity levels of risk management processes and submit a report to Council.

10. ADMINISTRATION

Administrative support will be rendered by the Risk Manager.

11. CONFIDENTIALITY

All assurance reports will be deemed as confidential and may only be provided to outside role players with the written permission of the Municipal Manager.

12. CONCLUSION

Assurance is a key factor in the risk management processes of the municipality. It is trusted that all role players will now be empowered to play their role in ensuring that all risks are mitigated in an amicable way.

13. PRIMARY CONTACTS

| NAME | DESIGNATION | CONTACT DETAILS |
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RECOMMENDATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL COMMITEE

The document was considered by the Council at a meeting that took place on the 17 December 2014.

It was resolved to recommend the approval of the risk assurance plan.

14. APPROVAL

| DESIGNATION | NAME | SIGNATURE | DATE |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Municipal Manager | Mr C Maema | | 18/12/2014 |

15. COUNCIL RESOLUTION

| COUNCIL RESOLUTION NUMBER | DATE |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 05/12/2014 | 18/12/2014. |

