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RISK CHAMPIONS CHARTER 2021-22

TITLE : RISK CHAMPIONS CHARTER
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1. Constitution

Risk Champions are appointed according to the provisions of Chapter 17 of the North West Provincial Risk Management Framework.

The framework has been developed in terms of and should be read in conjunction with Sections 38 (1)(a)(i) and 51 (1)(a)(l) of the PFMA, requiring Accounting Officers to ensure their Institutions have and maintain effective, efficient and transparent risk management systems.

The Risk Management Champions are appointed by The Accounting Officer to assist in championing particular requirements of the risk management processes. A Risk Champion is an official with the skills, knowledge, leadership qualities and power of office required to champion a particular requirements of risk management.

2. Composition

2.1 Knowledge and capacity

- The nominated officials should have knowledge of the Office, including familiarity with the concepts, principles and practices of risk management, such that they can contribute positively to the advancement of Risk Management within the department.
- The Provincial Risk Management Framework further provides that Risk Champions should possess the following towards fulfilling their functions:
 - ✓ A good understanding of risk management concepts, principles and processes;
 - ✓ Good analytical skills;
 - ✓ Expert power;
 - ✓ Leadership and motivational qualities; and
 - ✓ Good communication skills.

2.2 Level of Risk Champions

Risk Champion is defined consistent with the Public Sector Risk Management Framework as, "A person who by virtue of his/her expertise or authority champions a particular aspect of the risk management process, but who is not the risk owner".

A Risk Champion is usually an existing member of the senior management within the department, however another level may be nominated that fit the qualities required.

The Accounting Officer shall appoint officials across the department with appropriate skills, leadership and qualities to champion aspects of Risk Management including resolution of risk related challenges.

2.3 Authority of Risk Champions

- The Risk Champions are by virtue of their seniority within the organizational organogram expected to influence a high level enterprise risk management culture including ensuring sufficient support to risk management systems effectiveness and efficiency.

3. Roles and responsibilities

The Risk Champions shall be responsible for the following functions:

- Intervene on instances where the risk management efforts are being hampered, for example, by the lack of co-operation by Management and other officials and the lack of institutional skills and expertise;
- Assist in coordinating programme/district/unit risk management awareness sessions;
- Serve as first contacts with regard to risk management issues within the programme/district/unit;
- Intervene in resolving escalated challenges pertaining to risk management and related processes within the programme/district/unit;
- Provide support in ensuring success and credibility of periodical risk reviews (Operational, Strategic, Fraud risks) and risk assessment sessions by both Risk Management sub-directorate and all assurance providers i.e. Internal/External auditors etc.;

4. Training and Development

The Risk Champions shall be trained and developed through internal and external training mechanisms to ensure efficient risk management systems implementation.

5. Term of Appointment

- The Risk Champions term of appointment shall be linked to the term of employment contract or cease upon instruction by The Accounting Office;
- The Accounting Officer shall upon resignation, termination of contract of employment under any circumstances, vacation of the position for any reason by the Risk Champion appoint another official.

6. Reporting

- The Risk Champions shall report to the Accounting Officer on monthly/quarterly basis or upon request by the latter to provide a report.
- The Risk Champions shall also provide feedback on risk management issues escalated by The Chief Risk Officer requiring their intervention and/or expert advice.

7. Review of the charter

The Risk Champions Charter shall be reviewed annually.


Endorsed
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Approved by the Administrator:

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