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| UDCLT<br>UPPER DALES COMMUNITY LAND TRUST | **9. INTERNAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY** |
| **Context** | The Upper Dales Community Land Trust (UDCLT) is a registered charity and its mission is to provide affordable, sustainable housing for people born, living or working in the Upper Dales, thus protecting our unique community, history and legacy. |
| **Definitions** | N/R |
| **Purpose** | The objective of this policy is to provide guidance on managing organisational risk to support the achievement of strategic objectives, protect beneficiaries, trustees, volunteers and business assets and ensure business operations and financial sustainability. |
| **Application** | Trustees and Volunteers of the UDCLT and those working with the Trust to further its business. |
| **Review** | Board of Trustees every year. |
| **Start date** | **1st May 2024** |

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| **Policy** | 1. Risk overview<br><br>1.1 It is the responsibility of the UDCLT Board of Trustees to determine its appetite to risk and to ensure that robust risk management systems are in place and operating within acceptable levels.<br><br>1.2 The UDCLT recognises that it has responsibilities to protect and safeguard the use and application of tenants and public funds and will therefore take all reasonable measures to prevent, minimise and where possible mitigate the impact and likelihood of risks from developing.<br><br>1.3 The Trust's approach to risk is to assess risk in respect of the combination of likelihood of something happening and the impact that arises if it does happen.<br><br>1.4 Risk is defined as the uncertainty of outcome, whether a positive opportunity or negative threat of action and events. By its nature, risk is not necessarily bad. The Trust appreciates that risk has to be assessed in respect of the combination of likelihood of something happening and the impact that arises if it does happen.<br>1.5 The resources available for managing risk are finite and so it is the aim of the Trust to achieve an optimum response to risk and identify priorities in accordance with evaluation of the risks. The term 'risk appetite' is used to refer to the amount of risk which the Trust is prepared to accept, tolerate, or be exposed to at any point in time.<br><br>1.6 For the purposes of this Policy 'Risk Management' is the process by which:<br><br>- Risks are identified in relation to the achievement of objectives.<br>- Risks are assessed by reference to their relative likelihood and impact.<br>- The identified risks are responded to, taking into account the Trust's assessment and tolerance.<br>- Risks are reviewed and reported – to ensure the risk register is up to date, to gain assurance that responses are effective, and identify when further action is necessary.<br><br>1.7 The aims of Risk Management are: |

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| **Agreed on:** | **16th April 2024** |
| **Any comments** | |
| **Date of next** | **1st April 2025 (Risk Register) 1st April 2027 (Policy)** |