



## AUDIT COMMITTEE POLICY

<b>POLICY NO:</b>	<b>STAT001</b>
<b>ADOPTION DATE:</b>	<b>July 2021</b>
<b>REVISION DATE:</b>	<b>June 2022</b>
<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>Finance</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	<b>Manager Finance and Administration</b>
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### **POLICY OBJECTIVE:**

Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council is strongly committed to ensuring that the local government principles are reflected in its response to audit responsibility.

Council is committed to ensure the following with respect to its audit duties:

- Assisting the Council to deliver its strategic and governance responsibilities.
- Supporting management to discharge its financial management and operational responsibilities.

This will be achieved primarily through the establishment of an Audit Committee and Internal Audit function to deliver their key role in Council's strategic corporate governance objective.

### **RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

Local Government Act 2009 (s. 105)

### **BACKGROUND:**

Large local governments are required to have an audit committee. The Auditor General considers all local governments should have an audit committee to provide assurance to Councillors and the community about the effectiveness of internal controls and financial management procedures in force in the Council.

Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council LRASC's Audit Committee and Internal Audit do not replace the responsibilities of management but act as an independent source of advice to Council and to the management.

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

The Council will appoint an audit committee to be headed by independent member as the chair.

## **BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

## **IMPLEMENTATION:**

Policy to be implemented by the Director of Administration and Finance

Policy commences immediately on adoption by Council

Policy applies to all employees of the Council.

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