

# Risky Business: Unravelling the Mystery of the Risk Function

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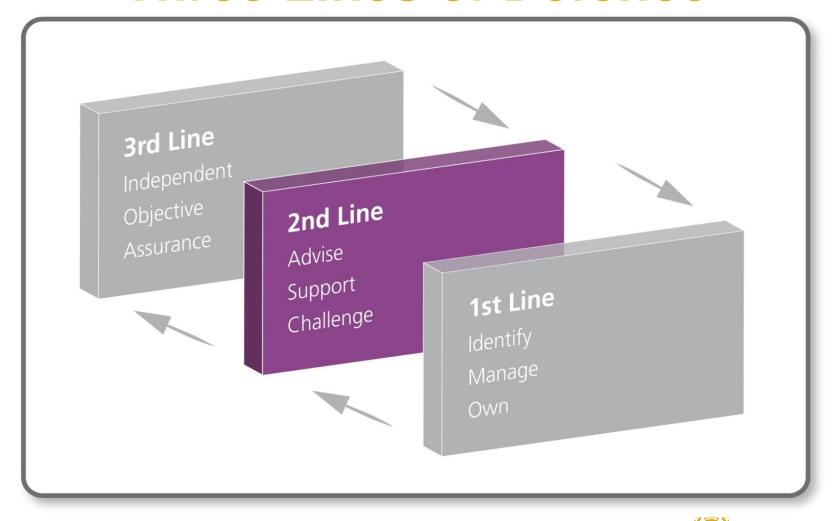


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#### **Three Lines of Defence**



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#### What is the Role of Risk?

- Forward looking perspective
- Encouraging participation in the right opportunities
- Ensuring that all risks have been given due consideration
- Sharing knowledge across the business
- Strong risk culture with clear accountability
- Providing and enforcing a robust system of governance
- Providing assurances to the Board
- Influencing Regulators' thinking
- Ensuring the business is informed and responds to regulatory developments
- Protect customers and the business



#### Aviva's Risk Framework



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### What value do Risk add?



### **Risk Functions**



# Who is responsible for risk management?



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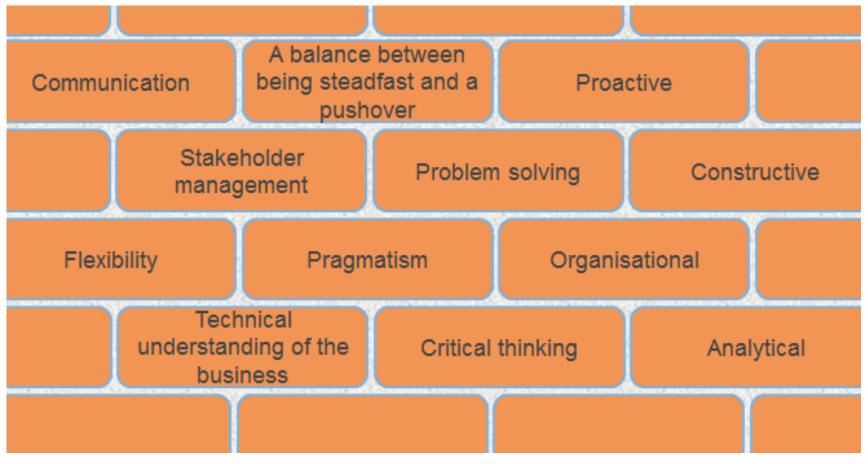
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## Risk skills and strengths





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# How can "the business" and Risk work together in harmony?

- Engage with each other right from the start
- Try to understand each other and their focus
- Ensure there are regular communications in both directions
- Working together proactively
- Be prepared to meet halfway
- Appreciate governance is there for a reason to protect, not to be awkward





## **Appendices**



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#### **Chief Risk Officer (CRO)**

According to the FCA Handbook, a Chief Risk Officer should:

- a) be accountable to the firm's governing body for oversight of firm-wide risk management;
- b) be fully independent of a *firm*'s individual business units;
- c) have sufficient authority, stature and resources for the effective execution of his responsibilities;
- d) have unfettered access to any parts of the *firm*'s business capable of having an impact on the *firm*'s risk profile;
- e) ensure that the data used by the *firm* to assess its risks are fit for purpose in terms of quality, quantity and breadth;
- f) provide oversight and challenge of the *firm's* systems and controls in respect of risk management;
- g) provide oversight and validation of the firm's external reporting of risk;
- h) ensure the adequacy of risk information, risk analysis and risk training provided to members of the *firm*'s *governing body*;
- i) report to the *firm's governing body* on the *firm's* risk exposures relative to its risk appetite and tolerance, and the extent to which the risks inherent in any proposed business strategy and plans are consistent with the *governing body's* risk appetite and tolerance. The Chief Risk Officer should also alert the *firm's governing body* to and provide challenge on, any business strategy or plans that exceed the *firm's* risk appetite and tolerance;
- j) provide risk-focused advice and information into the setting and individual application of the firm's remuneration policy

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