

Appendix 3 – Risk Assessment Scoring Guide and Matrix 2014

	IMPACT	SCORE	BENCHMARK EFFECTS
CRITERIA	CRITICAL/ CATASTROPHIC	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple deaths of employees or those in the Council's care • Inability to function effectively, Council-wide • Will lead to resignation of Chief Executive and/or Leader of the Council • Corporate Manslaughter charges • Service delivery has to be taken over by Central Government • Front page news story in National Press (e.g. Baby P) • Financial loss over £10m
	MAJOR	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspicious death in Council's care • Major disruption to Council's critical services for more than 48hrs (e.g. major ICT failure) • Noticeable impact in achieving strategic objectives • Will lead to resignation of Strategic Director and/ or Cabinet Member • Adverse coverage in National Press/Front page news locally • Financial loss £5m - £10m
	MODERATE	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious Injury to employees or those in the Council's care • Disruption to one critical Council Service for more than 48hrs • Will lead to resignation of Divisional Director/ Project Director • Adverse coverage in local press • Financial loss £1m - £5m
	MINOR	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor Injury to employees or those in the Council's care • Manageable disruption to internal services • Disciplinary action against employee • Financial loss £100k to £1m
	INSIGNIFICANT/ NEGLIGIBLE	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day-to-day operational problems • Financial loss less than £100k

LIKELIHOOD	SCORE	EXPECTED FREQUENCY
ALMOST CERTAIN	5	Reasonable to expect that the event WILL undoubtedly happen/recur, possibly frequently.
PROBABLE/LIKELY	4	Event is MORE THAN LIKELY to occur. Will probably happen/recur, but it is not a persisting issue.
POSSIBLE	3	LITTLE LIKELIHOOD of event occurring. It might happen or recur occasionally.
UNLIKELY	2	Event NOT EXPECTED . Do not expect it to happen/recur, but it is possible it may do so.
VERY UNLIKELY/RARE	1	EXCEPTIONAL event. This will probably never happen/recur.

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LEVEL OF RISK	OVERALL RATING	HOW THE RISK SHOULD BE TACKLED/ MANAGED
High Risk	15-25	IMMEDIATE MANAGEMENT ACTION
Medium Risk	9-12	Plan for CHANGE
Low Risk	1-8	Continue to MANAGE

LIKELIHOOD (A)	Almost Certain 5	5	10	15	20	25
	Probable/Likely 4	4	8	12	16	20
	Possible 3	3	6	9	12	15
	Unlikely 2	2	4	6	8	10
	Very unlikely/ Rare 1	1	2	3	4	5
		<i>Insignificant/ Negligible</i> 1	<i>Minor</i> 2	<i>Moderate</i> 3	<i>Major</i> 4	Critical/ Catastrophic 5
IMPACT (B)						