

RISK SCORING MATRIX

VERY HIGH (V)	5	10	15	20	25
HIGH (H)	4	8	12	16	20
MEDIUM (M)	3	6	9	12	15
LOW (L)	2	4	6	8	10
NEGLIGIBLE	1	2	3	4	5
IMPACT / LIKELIHOOD	VERY RARE	UNLIKELY	POSSIBLE	LIKELY	VERY LIKELY

Red scores - excess of Council's risk appetite – action needed to redress, quarterly monitoring

Amber scores – likely to cause the Council some difficulties – quarterly monitoring

Green scores – monitor as necessary

Descriptors to assist in the scoring of risk impact are detailed below

Likelihood scoring is left to the discretion of managers as it is very subjective

IMPACT DESCRIPTORS

The following descriptors are designed to assist the scoring of the impact of a risk:

	Negligible (1)	Low (2)	Medium (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)
Legal and Regulatory	Minor civil litigation or regulatory criticism	Minor regulatory enforcement	Major civil litigation and/or local public enquiry	Major civil litigation setting precedent and/or national public enquiry	Section 151 or government intervention or criminal charges
Financial	<£0.5m	<£1.0m	<£5m	<£10m	>£10m
Service provision	(a) Insignificant disruption to service delivery	(a) Minor disruption to service delivery	(a) Moderate direct effect on service delivery	(a) Major disruption to service delivery	(a) Critical long term disruption to service delivery
People and Safeguarding	No injuries	Low level of minor injuries	Significant level of minor injuries and/or instances of mistreatment or abuse of an individual for whom the Council has a responsibility	Serious injury and/or serious mistreatment or abuse of an individual for whom the Council has a responsibility	Death of an employee or individual for whom the Council has a responsibility or serious mistreatment or abuse resulting in criminal
Reputation	No reputational impact	Minimal negative local media reporting	Significant negative front page reports/editorial comment in the local media	Sustained negative coverage in local media or negative reporting in the national media	Significant and sustained local opposition to the Council's policies