

**Explanatory Information for Risk Register**

<b>Likelihood Descriptor</b>	<b>Risk Scoring Guidance</b>
<b>Almost Certain (5)</b>	The event is expected to occur in most circumstances.
<b>Likely (4)</b>	There is a strong possibility the event will occur.
<b>Possible (3)</b>	The event might occur at some time
<b>Unlikely (2)</b>	Not expected, but a slight possibility
<b>Rare (1)</b>	Highly unlikely. It could happen but probably never will

<b>Severity Descriptor</b>	<b>Risk Scoring Guidance</b>
<b>Insignificant (1)</b>	<p>Insignificant disruption to community services, including transport services and infrastructure.</p> <p>No disruption to service delivery, unlikely to cause complaint or instigate litigation.</p> <p>None or minimal financial burden (less than £5k) which can be resolved at local / department level, minor interruption to income generation, no permanent loss.</p> <p>Insignificant impact on environment.</p> <p>Organisation's reputation remains intact.</p>
<b>Minor (2)</b>	<p>Minor localised disruption to community services or infrastructure for less than 24 hours.</p> <p>Minor disruption to service delivery, complaint possible, litigation unlikely.</p> <p>Minimal financial burden or disruption to income generation (between £5k - £50k). Can be resolved at line manager / service manager level through usual budgetary measures.</p> <p>Minor impact on environment with no lasting effects.</p> <p>Minimal impact on organisation's reputation.</p>
<b>Moderate (3)</b>	<p>Localised disruption to infrastructure and community services, damage confined to a specific location or to a number of locations, but requires additional resources.</p> <p>Moderate disruption to service delivery, high potential for complaints, litigation possible, but not certain.</p> <p>Moderate financial burden (between £50k - £250k). Interruption to income generation lasting less than 14 days, majority of income recoverable but at additional cost.</p> <p>Limited impact on environment with short-term or long-term effects.</p> <p>Moderate impact on organisation's reputation.</p>

<b>Severity Descriptor</b>	<b>Risk Scoring Guidance</b>
<b>Major (4)</b>	<p>Requires support for local responders with external resources, significant damage that impacts on and means possible breakdown of some local community services.</p> <p>Significant disruption to service delivery service closure for 1-7 days, complaints expected, litigation expected.</p> <p>Major financial burden (between £250k - £500k). Can include significant extra clean up and recovery costs.</p> <p>Significant impact on environment with medium to long term effects.</p> <p>Major impact on organisation's reputation / national adverse publicity.</p>
<b>Catastrophic (5)</b>	<p>Extensive damage to properties and built environment in affected areas. General &amp; widespread displacement of people for prolonged duration. Community unable to function without significant support.</p> <p>Very significant disruption to service delivery service closure for more than 7 days or closure of multiple services, complaints certain, litigation certain.</p> <p>Very significant financial burden (greater than £500k). Extensive clean up and recovery costs.</p> <p>Serious long-term impact on environment and / or permanent change.</p> <p>Catastrophic impact on organisation's reputation. International adverse publicity.</p>

### **SDNPA Risk Appetite Statement**

The Authority seeks to operate within a relatively wide overall risk range.

One of the Authority's key cultural values is that of innovation and the Authority seeks and encourages innovative approaches in the delivery of its purposes and duty wherever possible and appropriate. This includes being open to options and activities which may include some risk but are likely to result in better value for money in the delivery of its services. This is underpinned by a strong governance framework which ensures proper consideration of legal risks and delivery of effective decision making, oversight, and performance management.

Some of the Authority's operations require a cautious approach to ensure a reliable service that engenders public trust and does not unduly risk the Authority's reputation, for example, in the day-to-day delivery of its statutory planning service. However, the Authority remains open to innovative solutions and approaches which lead to significant benefits for the Authority and the public in the delivery of these services.

The Authority strives to ensure the best use of public funds and, therefore, takes a cautious approach in the general management of its finances whilst remaining alert to opportunities for efficiency savings, better value for money in service delivery, and opportunities for income generation.

The areas of lowest risk appetite for the Authority are in fulfilling its responsibilities to the personal safety and security of people. It is acknowledged that in some areas of delivery, such as at Seven Sisters Country Park, there are risks that are balanced with the delivery of activities and services to the public alongside the conservation and enhancement of nature and the landscape. Nevertheless, at all times the Authority will ensure a tight risk profile in relation to health and safety risks.