

**Likelihood:**

Likelihood score	1	2	3	4	5
Definition	Rare	Unlikely	Possible	Likely	Almost certain
<i>Description</i>	The likelihood of the risk has been minimised to a negligible possibility	The risk is technically possible but an occurrence is not foreseeable in the medium-long term	The risk is a real possibility but the likelihood of an occurrence in the short-medium term is small	The risk is probably going to occur at some point in the medium term, possibly sooner	The risk is probably going to occur imminently
<i>Timeframe</i>	Will occur at some point in next 50 years	Will occur at some point in the next 25 years	Will occur at some point in the next 10 years	Will occur at some point in the next 5 years	Will occur at some point in the next year
<i>Probability</i>	10% or less	Between 10-30%	Between 30-50%	Between 50-85%	85% or more

Where the probability and timing score differ, a judgement should be made as to the correct likelihood score.

## Impact

### Strategic Risks

Impact score	1	2	3	4	5
Title	Minimal	Low	Medium	High	Critical
<i>Political risk</i>	Authority fails to effectively scrutinise its decisions	No scrutiny of decisions takes place	Scrutiny process publicly questioned or criticised	Resignation of Leader, Cabinet Member, Chief Executive or Director	Authority placed in special measures, DCLG appoints administrators
<i>Reputation risk</i>	Negative national press coverage for one day, ongoing negative local coverage	Negative national press coverage for more than one day,	Negative national press coverage for more than one week, public criticism from local partners	Public criticism from MP, LGA, DCLG, County Council or other national body	International negative press coverage
<i>Financial risk</i>	Up to 1% of authority budget	Up to 5% of authority budget	Up to 10% of authority budget	Up to 15% of authority budget	Over 15% of authority budget
<i>Legal risk</i>	Authorities' actions' legality repeatedly questioned in public	Council decisions overturned	Damages or similar claim sought against authority	Multiple damages claims sought against authority	Authority in breach of law, criminal charges brought
<i>Disruption risk</i>	Total service outage for one day or less	Total service outage for several days	Total service outage for more than a week	Total service outage for more than three weeks	Multiple services unable to operate
<i>Environmental risk</i>	Short term damage in an isolated area requiring partners assistance	Long term damage in an isolated area requiring partners assistance	Damage requiring special budget provision to rectify	Major or widespread damage requiring central government assistance	Permanent environmental damage with significant impact
<i>Contractual risk</i>	Major contract renegotiation required	Service reduction dictated by contractor's ability to operate	Service provision significantly altered or sanction clauses invoked	Contracted service failure and/or termination of contract	Abrupt contracted service failure without contingency
<i>Asset &amp; Infrastructure risk</i>	Isolated network issues, multiple pieces of equipment needing replacement	Widespread network issues, key vehicle damaged	Council facilities inaccessible, key vehicle needs replacing	Council facilities damaged, multiple vehicles need replacing, key infrastructure outage	Council facilities destroyed, key infrastructure destroyed
<i>Health and Safety risk</i>	Individual receives minor injuries	Multiple people receive minor injuries	Individual serious injury	Multiple people seriously injured, individual loss of life or criminal assault	Multiple losses of life, widespread criminal assault