## Measures of Likelihood (Probability)

Level	Descriptor	Chance	Description
1	Very unlikely	0 – 9%	The event will only occur in exceptional circumstances
2	Unlikely	10 – 29%	The event occurs very infrequently - 10's of years
3	Possible	30 – 69%	This event occurs infrequently - once every 5 years
4	Likely	70 – 89%	The event is expected to occur at least once a year
5	certain	90 – 100%	This event occurs multiple times a year

## **Measures of Severity (Impact)**

Level	Descriptor	Description		
1	Negligible	The event has a minimal affect on the Council, our communities and the environment.		
2	Slight	The event would have minor effect on the Council, communities and environment requiring an isolated operational response and affecting a single to multiple residences.		
3	Moderate	This event will have a moderate effect on the Council affecting a single service area and require an operational response throughout a single community for e.g. an entire street		
4	Major	This event will have a major effect on the local environment and multiple local communities. It will affect multiple service areas within the Council and require a sustained response from the Strategic Emergency Management Team. The event will require a detailed recovery plan.		
5	Catastrophic	This event will have a devastating effect on the local environment. It has the potential to affect the entire of the Borough and require a major multi-agency response. Recovery actions will be widespread and prolonged.		

## Risk Assessment Matrix - Level of Risk

Catastrophic	5	10	15	20	25
Major	4	8	12	16	20
Moderate	3	6	9	12	15
Slight	2	4	6	8	10
Negligible	1	2	3	4	5
SEVERITY	Very Unlikely	Unlikely	Possible	Likely	Certain
-	LIKELIHOOD				

Minimal	Tolerable	Moderate	Severe
The impact of this risk is	The impact of this risk is	The impact of this risk is	The impact of this risk would
minimal.	minor.	significant and would	generate a mutli-agency
The risk is either of a	The risk should be planned	generate a moderate short-	emergency response.
sufficient low score to not	against as part of the Major	term emergency response	
pose any major threat or the	Incident Plan and	and recovery.	Resulting in a large
likelihood of its occurrence is	procedures.		prolonged response and
extremely unlikely.		The risk should have its own	protracted and complex
	It may be prudent to consider	operational Emergency plan,	recovery arrangement.
This risk should be monitored	a low frequency monitoring	which should be	There should be detailed
for any change and controls	schedule for this risk.	communicated and tested	response and recovery plan
applied appropriately.		with all relevant	put in place should this risk
		stakeholders.	occur.