

#### Appendix 4 – Risk Assessment

Risk No	Risk description	Risk mitigation	Residual / current risk			Additional steps to be taken
			Likelihood	Impact	Prioritisation	
1.	Changes in national legislation affecting the provision of outdoor play facilities	The policy will be reviewed every 3 years and changes to legislation are reviewed annually.	Low	Medium	Tolerable	On-going
2.	Changes to British and European Standards	These standards will be checked against new developments and where applicable to existing facilities these will be removed, retrofitted or replaced to comply with the changes in standards	Medium	Low	Tolerable	On-going
3.	Providers of outdoor play facilities fail to adhere to the adopted policy	Providers will be required to enter into Section 106 legal agreements through the planning process which will set out the procedures for approving the design and specification of publicly accessible outdoor play facilities	Medium	Low	Tolerable	On-going
4.	Providers of outdoor play facilities fail to undertake regular safety inspections	Providers have a legal obligation to undertake risk assessments in relation to their particular play areas and should take due consideration of paragraph 2 - Play Area Safety Inspections - of the Policy, which sets out how and when risk analysis should be undertaken.	Low	Medium	Significant	External providers will be required to provide a management plan for the play facilities they are responsible for that includes risk assessment procedures.

**Measures of likelihood/ Impact:**

Description	Likelihood Description	Impact Description
High	Almost certain, is expected to occur in most circumstances. Greater than 80% chance.	Critical impact on the achievement of objectives and overall performance. Critical opportunity to innovate/improve performance missed/wasted. Huge impact on costs and/or reputation. Very difficult to recover from and possibly requiring a long term recovery period.
Significant	Likely, will probably occur in most circumstances. 50% - 80% chance.	Major impact on costs and objectives. Substantial opportunity to innovate/improve performance missed/wasted. Serious impact on output and/or quality and reputation. Medium to long term effect and expensive to recover from.
Medium	Possible, might occur at some time. 20% - 50% chance.	Waste of time and resources. Good opportunity to innovate/improve performance missed/wasted. Moderate impact on operational efficiency, output and quality. Medium term effect which may be expensive to recover from.
Low	Unlikely, but could occur at some time. Less than 20% chance.	Minor loss, delay, inconvenience or interruption. Opportunity to innovate/make minor improvements to performance missed/wasted. Short to medium term effect.