

KERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL – RISK ASSESSMENT 2026-2027 UPDATED SR MAY 26

Identified Risk	Potential consequences of Risk	Impact H/M/L	Likelihood	Persons responsible	Action
Compliance to Insurance Company guidelines	Insurance cover negated due to Council's failure to complete required risk assessments.	H	M	KCC	<p>Risk assessments documented and carried out as per Insurance schedule dictates.</p> <p>Council to give clear indication of persons responsible for specific areas requiring regular monitoring. i.e., Public Toilets, Cemetery etc.</p>
Legal liability arising from management of Kerry Public Toilets.	Litigation made by an individual through injury or damage.	H	M	Amenities Committee	<p>Following the renovation of the toilets the Legionella risk has to be managed.</p> <p>The primary method used to control the risk from Legionella is water temperature control.</p> <p>Water services should be operated at temperatures that prevent Legionella growth where appropriate and according to manufactures' instructions.</p> <p>General guidance;</p> <p>Hot water storage cylinders (calorifiers) should store water at 60°C or higher</p> <p>Hot water should be distributed at 50°C or higher (thermostatic mixer valves need to be fitted as close as possible to outlets, where a scald risk is identified).</p> <p>Cold water should be stored and distributed below 20°C.</p> <p>A competent person should routinely check, inspect and clean the system, in accordance with the risk assessment.</p> <p>The facilities should be assessed for any trip hazards and actioned i.e., using high visibility paint.</p> <p>Contactors working on site to provide evidence of public liability insurance.</p>

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Legal Liability arising from Asset ownership of Dolforgan Footbridge.	Litigation made by an individual through injury or damage.	H	L	KCC	<p>Visual inspection of the bridge and surrounding river bank and vegetation following extreme weather conditions.</p> <p>Annual visual inspection of overall condition of the structure and surrounding area by a person with some knowledge of the building trade.</p> <p>Full structural survey every five years.</p>
Legal Liability arising from Asset ownership of Kerry Cemetery	Litigation made by an individual through injury or damage.	H	L	Chair Clerk	<p>Documented Annual survey of headstones and grave furniture.</p> <p>Visual inspection following extreme weather conditions.</p> <p>Contactors working on site to provide evidence of public liability insurance.</p> <p>Ensure that the Kerry Cemetery Rules/ Regulations are kept up to date in line with current legislation and good practice.</p>
Legal Liability arising from Asset ownership of Children's Play areas.	Litigation made by an individual through injury or damage.	H	L	KCC  Playground Caretaker – KCC Employee	<p>Contactors working on site to provide evidence of public liability Insurance.</p> <p>To contract an annual ROSPA report and to ensure work required is completed.</p> <p>Visual inspection following extreme weather conditions.</p> <p>Weekly documented visual inspection of all sites.</p> <p>Maintenance &amp; installation of new equipment to be completed by specialist contractors with appropriate qualifications.</p>

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Legal Liability arising from Asset ownership of Dolforgan Park – Trees (TPOs)	Litigation made by an individual through injury or damage.	H	M	KCC	<p>Regular Arboricultural Surveys by approved surveyors. BS5837 tree surveys or equivalent.</p> <p>Annual Inspection by Council and following periods of bad weather/ high winds.</p> <p>Prompt action as detailed in any surveys.</p> <p>Adherence to TPO regulations/ guidance.</p>
Legal Liability arising from Asset ownership of Dolforgan Park – Riparian Responsibilities to centre of the reiver Mule	Litigation made by an individual through injury or damage.	H	M	KCC	<p>Documented Visual Annual Inspection by Councillors</p> <p>Inspection following adverse weather conditions.</p> <p>Prompt Action to be taken as required following issues noted.</p> <p>Ensure the natural flow of water, prevent erosion of riverbanks and pollution.</p> <p>Work with risk management authorities and adhere to legal safeguards to manage any flood risks effectively.</p> <p>Protect the environment and wildlife habitats, which includes not disturbing certain species or their habitats and preventing the spread of invasive species</p>
Employer liability for Lone Workers and Councillors carrying out council duties	Litigation made by an individual through injury or damage	H	L	KCC	<p>Ensure all staff/ councillors have an emergency contact while lone working.</p> <p>Ensure all staff/ councillors are aware of the accident reporting process.</p> <p>Ensure all staff/ councillors are aware of how to deal with threats/ violence either via training and/or in house instruction. Enabling staff/ councillors to Assess, De-escalate, Seek help, Withdraw and Report.</p>

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Financial Liability for Assets Under Management	Unable to meet financial obligations regarding the proper maintenance of assets	H	M	KCC	Budget preparation to ensure that there are adequate reserves to cover anticipated, scheduled and unexpected liabilities/ maintenance issues arising from the Assets Under Management.  Ensuring proper and stringent financial governance to mitigate any financial losses/errors as detailed in KCC Financial Regulations/ KCC Standing Orders.
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End of Risk Assessment.

To approve – Annual Meeting May 25 item xxx