# OSD Parks and Gardens (WHP & CG) Risk Register

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Risk no, title, creation date, owner	Risk Description (Cause, Event, Impact)	Current Risk Rating	& Score	Risk Update and date of update	Target Risk Rating &	Score	Target Date/Risk Approach	Current Risk score change indicator
Maintenance of buildings, memorials, play areas and equipment	Cause: Inadequate proactive and reactive maintenance; failure to identify and communicate maintenance issues Event: Operational or public buildings, playground equipment and other assets become unusable Impact: Service capability disrupted; ineffective use of staff resources; damage to corporate reputation; increased costs for reactive maintenance. Delay will have operational impact. Overrun of additional work programme. Lack of budget to replace.	Impact	16	Lack of investment in building & infrastructure maintenance over the past few years has greatly increased bow wave issues and potential for major failures in the future. The risk has risen to Red as a result.  Target score has risen to Red in order to reflect that we do not currently have a path to remediation on these issues.  WHP: Nursery site surveys are being undertaken including, asbestos, remediation, topographical and utilities for disposal options.  P&G: A new process for inspections and monitoring will be implemented in the next few months.	Impact	16	31-Mar- 2022	
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OSD P&G 002 a		On site reactive work on operational buildings continuing to be monitored and issues fed back at Client Liaison meetings.	23-Jun- 2021	31-Mar- 2022
OSD P&G 002 b		Lodge defects reported and rectified as breakdown but no formal inspection due to Covid. Planned for Autumn.	23-Jun- 2021	30-Nov- 2021
OSD P&G 002 c	20 year programme of investment and maintenance of all built assets. Review annually.	AWP reviewed quarterly at the P&G client Liaison Meeting. Ongoing action.	23-Jun- 2021	31-Mar- 2022
OSD P&G 002 f		Still aiming for start in Autumn 2021 with completion spring 2022 to help reduce risk and future maintenance liability.	23-Jun- 2021	31-Mar- 2022

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OSD P&G 003 Finance - Budget reductions implications  25-Nov-2015 Stella Fox; Martin Rodman	Causes: Lack of skills to deliver projects. Unrealistic scoping targets and deadlines. Conflicting priorities between corporate/departmental change programme and Divisional issues  Event: Division is unable to deliver budget reduction programmes to agreed targets and timescales. Adverse workload impact on service delivery. Closure of the Nursery at WHP  Impact: Divisional failure - Alternative savings required that may not best suit culture change nor properly support core activities. Departmental failure – Transfer of financial pressures from one area of the Department to another on a reactive basis. Ability to deliver 'existing level of services' declines. Negative press, reputational damage.	Cikelihood   Likelihood   Lik	16	Budgets likely to be overspent due to need to bring in additional staff to cover for those off sick and isolating during COVID periods and additional tree works. Inability to retain and attract staff due to imposed fixed-term contracts.  12% budget reductions for 21/22 Financial Year currently unaccounted for in City Gardens resulting in likely overspend at outturn due to inability to implement restructure pending TOM. This has been flagged to the Chamberlain.  Target score has increased to meet current risk score, as we are not currently able to mitigate this position.  23 Jun 2021	Impact	16	31-Mar- 2022	Constant

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OSD P&G 003 a	Management of budgets & projects to reduce impact on sites and services.			31-Mar- 2022

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OSD P&G 004 Tree Diseases and other pests  25-Nov-2015 Stella Fox; Martin Rodman	Causes: Inadequate biosecurity, purchase or transfer of infected plants and soil. Invasion of pests and diseases from neighbouring areas e.g. Oak Processionary Moth, Massaria, etc  Event: Sites become infected by plant or tree diseases  Impact: Threat to human health, either directly or indirectly. Service capability disrupted, ineffective use of staff resources, damage to corporate reputation, loss of species, site closures (temp) and associated access, increased costs for reactive maintenance.	Likelihood	12	As per the departmental risk register, we expect this risk to be higher in spring and lower in winter. This risk is to be reviewed six-monthly.  We may need to increase risk levels as Caterpillars are likely to be active from March onwards so will continue to monitor.  In addition, tree assessor has recommended strategic tree removal programme in order to reduce future risk from massaria and minimise unnecessary expenditure.  23 Jun 2021	_	8	01-Nov- 2021	Constant

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a	Ensure staff training is kept updated to enable timely identification of pest and knowledge of correct treatment/prevention.	8	 	31-Mar- 2022
OSD P&G 004 b	Annual tree inspections undertaken through qualified personnel through framework contract	Tree inspections for Summer 2020 and Spring 2021 completed and resultant works being carried out. Annual programme is in place for cyclical inspections and is being met.	23-Jun- 2021	31-Mar- 2022
OSD P&G 004 d		8 8	 23-Jun- 2021	31-Mar- 2022

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Increase in Health and Safety incidents/Catas trophic Health & Safety failure 25-Nov-2015 Stella Fox;	Causes: Poor understanding and/or delivery of Health and Safety policies and procedures; Failure to link work activity with adequate procedures; risk assessments and safe systems of work not complied with; inadequate appropriate training; failure to implement the results of audits.  Event: Staff, volunteers, contractors or licensees undertake unsafe working practices, notably working at roadside or at height in City.  Impact: Injury to staff, volunteer(s), contractor(s) or member of the public. Prosecution and fine by HSE and/or Police; increased insurance premiums; harm to City's reputation.	Impact		Priority has been review of RA and SSOW in light of COVID and changing government guidance. Work on Health and Safety statement for City Gardens has been completed and has been shared with WHP.  23 Jun 2021	Tikelihood	8	31-Mar- 2022	Constant

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OSD P&G 001 a	Continue to develop a good culture of reporting accidents, incidents and near misses.	Officers are continuing to report accidents and near misses. Accidents are subject to investigation and review by the Health & Safety Improvement Group.	Patrick Hegarty; Jake Tibbets	23-Jun- 2021	31-Mar- 2022
OSD P&G 001 b	A contractor protocol is in place including works undertaken by City Surveyors and external contractors. Continued monitoring is required and all contractors to sign up and comply. Regular review of documentation and processes in light of investigation findings and change in legislation.	P&G contractor protocol implemented with existing contractors and rolled out to new contractors as required. Regular progress meetings with CSD and contractor for larger projects. P&G team are reviewing new corporate guidance to see if we need to update our local guidance.	Patrick Hegarty; Jake Tibbets	23-Jun- 2021	31-Mar- 2022
OSD P&G 001 c	Net improvement of standards of H&S following regular validation visits.	Undertook desk based Audit in 2020 due to COVID restrictions. 2021 review due in October / November.	Patrick Hegarty	23-Jun- 2021	30-Nov- 2021
OSD P&G 001 d	Staff roles linked to essential and desirable training needs. Continual and annual review	Training programme is regularly reviewed. First Aid training is currently a focus for City Gardens team, although this is delayed due to COVID-19. We are investigating corporate options for this training as programme begins to restart. First Aid certification has been extended in light of this.	Martin Rodman; Jake Tibbets	23-Jun- 2021	31-Mar- 2022
OSD P&G 001	Clear role and responsibilities set out in documentation	COVID risks assessments for staff duties and workplaces to ensure that they are COVID safe.	Martin	23-Jun-	31-Mar-

, 2	Messaging to public re-government guidance to help prevent the spread of the disease. Review	Rodman	2021	2022
Structure of H&S meeting arrangements cascading down	of all RA concerning the public use of facilities including sports and use of building			
decisions, issues, responsibilities and communications.	undertaken.			
Ongoing action				
	One to one conversations are being had to ascertain people's work preferences and plans to			
	return to offices. Programme of reopening offices has started.			

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OSD P&G 007 Population Increase (residential and worker)  25-Nov-2015 Stella Fox;	Causes: Pressure on planning authorities to meet housing targets and needs  Event: Population increases and increased worker numbers in Square Mile creating increased pressure on green space and facilities  Impact: Increase in visitor numbers causing additional pollution, ground compaction and resulting associated effects on tree and plant health. Wear and tear to sports pitches. Lack of budget to facilitate repairs.	Impact		Impact of lockdown on sites has led to a huge increase in visitor numbers at WHP, and a marked decrease in City Gardens daytime user population. This risk has been reassessed to better reflect current population and visitor numbers at both sites.  Current score has been reduced to Amber, 8, and target score has also been changed to Amber, 8, as we currently accept this level of risk. However, if there are future lockdowns or planning issues related to population increase, we will again raise this risk up to Amber, 12, or above as appropriate.  23 Jun 2021	Impact	8	31-Mar- 2022	Decreasin g
Martin Rodman								

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OSD P&G 007 a				31-Mar- 2022
OSD P&G 007 b	Maintain a close partnership with planning authorities including (but not limited to) Newham, Islington, Camden, and Tower Hamlets.			31-Mar- 2022

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Major Incident resulting in prolonged	Causes: Pandemic; deliberate act of terrorism.  Event: Major incident, terrorism,; evacuation of East London; aircraft crash; failure of underground services.  Impact: Multiple loss of life; inability to access and manage sites; long-term damage to personnel team, sites, assets and reputation.	Impact		Risk has been reduced to normal levels as lockdown restrictions have eased with regards to our sites. We will continue to monitor changes to lockdown levels and manage resources accordingly.	Impact	8	31-Mar- 2022	•
09-Jun-2016 Stella Fox; Martin Rodman				23 Jun 2021			Reduce	Decreasin g

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OSD P&G 008 a		Emergency plan has been put into active use throughout the Coronavirus pandemic. Schedule a review of document in 2021 following its use.			01-Nov- 2021
OSD P&G 008 b		Superintendent is Departmental representative. Actions and implications are fed back to team and wider department, helping inform decision-making and awareness.  Mai Rock Mai			31-Mar- 2022
OSD P&G 008 c		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			31-Mar- 2022

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OSD P&G 009 Ultra-Low Emissions Zone  15-Mar-2019  Martin Rodman	Cause: Change to legislation requires broad- reaching replacement of fleet. Insufficient budget allocated to this process combined with corporate green energy procurement regulations.  Event: Budget impact results in financial failure for one or more divisions within Open Spaces, either by purchasing fleet or failing to purchase fleet and receiving large fines.  Impact: Large-scale budget failure caused by either fleet purchase or failure to purchase new fleet resulting in fines. This would have knock-on financial impact on other projects within the CoL, along with reputational risk for failing to adhere to legislation.	Impact	8	We have achieved our target on ULEZ as fleet is now compliant in the City. However, there are further issues to resolve regarding diesel and electric vehicles. ULEZ zone will increase to include West Ham Park in Autumn 2021. Fleet has been procured for WHP to reach compliance, but is not in place yet.  Risk will remain at Amber until vehicles arrive and are in place.  23 Jun 2021	Impact 4	01-Nov- 2021	Constant

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OSD P&G 009 a		1		01-Nov- 2021

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OSD P&G 005 Climate and Weather  25-Nov-2015 Stella Fox; Martin Rodman	Causes: Severe wind events, prolonged drought conditions, prolonged precipitation or restricted precipitation. May be climate change influenced Event: Severe weather/climate impacts at one or more sites Impact: Service capability disrupted; fire, flood and storm events (potentially increasing in frequency); increased demand for staff resources to respond to incidents and maintain site safety; loss of species, temporary site closures and associated access; increased costs for reactive management. Injury or death to staff, visitors, contractors and volunteers. Damage/loss of habitats and species.	Likelihood	6	Extreme Weather Policy was rolled out in January 2020 and has used several times due to recent storms. This improves our ability to reduce risk by closing sites before extreme weather events occur.  The risk remains at previous downgraded level (Amber, 6) as we have maintained a steady position on this risk. We accept the current level of risk.  23 Jun 2021	Likelihood	6	31-Mar- 2022	Constant

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OSD P&G 005 a	Increased variety of species planted in order to 'spread the risk', e.g. more drought tolerant species and those better able to cope with a range of temperatures/ rainfall levels. Captured in strategic documents e.g. CoL Tree Strategy SPD.	plant species list.		31-Mar- 2022
OSD P&G 005 c		1 7 1 1	23-Jun- 2021	31-Mar- 2022

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OSD P&G 006 Public Behaviour  25-Nov-2015 Stella Fox; Martin Rodman	Causes: Crime, irresponsible dog owners, rough sleepers, user conflict, trespass, alcohol.  Event: litter, dog fouling, dog attacks, public incursions, anti-social behaviour  Impact: Reputational damage, injury to visitors, insurance claims, rise in crime rates. Increase in costs of managing public behaviour	Impact	6	Since the changes to lockdown restrictions, public behaviour has noticeably improved on our sites. However, return of public to the square mile has had an impact on the City Gardens sites (which were previously less affected) and there has been an increase in antisocial behaviour around the St Paul's area. Police are actively managing this issue at present.  Nonetheless, we have reduced this risk to Amber, 6, as the most significant issues have receded. We will continue to monitor and escalate as necessary. We accept the current level of risk.  23 Jun 2021	Impact	6	31-Mar- 2022	Decreasin g

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OSD P&G 006 b		Continuing to work with met police, schools liaison and SNT's throughout second lockdown period. West Ham Park and City Gardens are very busy and may increase as weather improves.			31-Mar- 2022
OSD P&G 006 c	Potential for further submissions where and when required	8 . 8	Rodman;	23-Jun- 2021	31-Mar- 2022

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