Keats House 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	Flight path
ENV-NE-KH 003 Insufficient maintenance 07-Apr-2017 Rob Shakespeare	Cause: Building deteriorates due to insufficient maintenance. Event: City of London required to carry out maintenance on property which may cause inconvenience to visitors, including closure of building for extended periods. Effect: Reputational damage, poor visitor experience, poor working conditions, long-term survival of the heritage asset compromised, damage to collection due to poor environmental conditions (e.g. in case of heating failure).	Impact 8	Funding has been allocated in the 2024-27 Cyclical Works Programme (CWP) to address current and future maintenance needs. Full condition and Mechanical and Engineering (M&E) surveys for both Keats House and Ten Keats Grove have been completed and are now with City Surveyor's Department (CSD) to prioritise and cost recommended works. The current risk score has been maintained at Amber 8 pending the completion of the urgent recommended works. The target date has been extended accordingly. 10 Apr 2025		31-Mar-2026 Reduce	

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003a Relationship	relationship with City Surveyor's Department	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Rob Shakespe are	10-Apr-2025	31-Mar-2026

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- · · ·	Cause: Lack of staff capacity and relationships to deliver priority projects beyond the scope of the Keats House team's expertise. Event: Priority projects unable to progress. Effect: Reduced outcomes for Keats House and the City of London.	Impact	8	Priority projects for 2024/25 were largely completed to schedule. Projects for 2025/26, including development of a longer-term Business Plan, are in progress. Current priorities include planning for 'Keats House 100', which will take place in May 2025, and the launch of the new Collections Management System. We aim to reduce the risk further once the new Business Plan is in place. The target date has been extended to the end of September to allow for this. 10 Apr 2025	Impact	4	30-Sep-2025	

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ENV-NE-KH	Develop Keats House Activity Plan 2025/26	We aim to bring the Activity Plan and Business Plan to Committee for approval in summer 2025.	Rob	10-Apr-2025	30-Sep-2025
006d Strategic	and longer-term Business Plan.		Shakespe		
planning			are		

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ENV-NE-KH 001 Health and Safety 07-Apr-2017 Rob Shakespeare	Cause: Poor understanding and/or delivery of H&S policies and procedures; inadequate training; failure to implement results of departmental H&S audits; failure to follow fire and security management procedures; anti-social behaviour; dealing with members of the public. Event: Staff, volunteer or contractor undertakes unsafe working practice. Effect: Death or injury of staff, contractor, member of public or volunteer.	Impact 4	Understanding of health and safety continues to be reinforced through team meetings and adoption of high level and bespoke risk assessments produced for property and specific activities/events. Advice is taken from the Departmental Health & Safety Manager and Health and Safety meetings. Both Keats House and Ten Keats Grove/library building now benefit from an integrated fire alarm system and recently installed CCTV and intruder alarms. Emergency procedures have been updated to reflect current practice. We have now achieved the target risk score of Green 4 (Rare / Major). We accept that we cannot eliminate the risk entirely, but we will work to maintain the lower risk score and will keep the situation under continual review. The target date shown is the date of the next risk review.	Impact 4	Accept	

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ENV-NE-KH 001a Participation in Health and	meetings.	meetings and H&S is a standing agenda item at Keats House Team and Culture and Projects Section	10-Apr-2025	30-Jun-2025

Safety meetings				
ENV-NE-KH 001c Fire alarm and security systems (maintenance)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Team to ensure fire and security processes and systems are effectively maintained. This is an ongoing	10-Apr-2025	30-Jun-2025

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	Cause: Staff move on to new roles. Event: Difficulties in recruitment and new staff not experienced in collection; unable to offer positive visitor experience. Effect: Loss of expertise; recruitment and training costs; short-staffing leading to operational issues.	Impact	4	The new organisational structure has been implemented. Implementation of the Collections Management System is progressing and is now expected to be completed by autumn 2025. Once staff training and testing has been completed, the risk will reduce to the target score of Green (2). The target date has been extended to reflect this expected timeline.	Impact	2	30-Sep-2025	
07-Apr-2017				10 Apr 2025			Reduce	
Rob Shakespeare								

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ENV-NE-KH	All staff to be familiarised with the collection	Implementation of the Collections Management System is progressing and is now expected to be	Rob	10-Apr-2025	30-Sep-2025
004a Staff	and database to ensure retention of	completed by autumn 2025.	Shakespe		
training	collections-related knowledge.		are		

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ENV-NE-KH 005 Financial sustainability	Cause: Pandemic recovery. Event: Continued reduction of income from all sources, particularly admissions, sales and hires following the Covid-19 pandemic. Effect: Inability to meet income targets resulting in pressure on the Keats House Charity's Reserves and increased liability of the City Corporation as sole Trustee.	Impact	The future financial sustainability of the Keats House Charity continues to be actively reviewed. This is now included in the development of a Culture Strategy for the City of London and is a priority for 2025/26. The target date of the risk has been extended to the end of 2025/26 accordingly.	Impact 2	31-Mar-2026	
25-May-2022 Rob Shakespeare			10 Apr 2025		Reduce	

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	Develop a longer-term Business Plan for Keats House.	Corporate Plan outcomes, Museum Accreditation and the future sustainability of the Keats House	Rob Shakespe are	10-Apr-2025	31-Mar-2026
ENV-NE-KH 005b Income generation and audience development	Develop and implement income generation and audience development plans.	development and income recovery.	Rob Shakespe are	10-Apr-2025	31-Mar-2026

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ENV-NE-KH 002 Theft or damage	Cause: Theft by people visiting the museum during opening hours, or a break in when the museum is closed; deliberate or accidental damage to items during museum opening or events. Event: City of London are unable to open the property to the public to show items of interest due to theft of item, or damage caused in effecting theft, and necessity to carry out repair or install new collection. Effect: Loss of or damage to heritage collection items; loss of equipment or personal belongings; reputational damage.	Impact 2	The current risk score remains Green. Keats House is open to the public with staff in attendance. The Security system has been replaced along with upgraded CCTV. We have now achieved the target score of Green 2 (rare/serious). We accept that we cannot eliminate the risk entirely, but we will work to maintain the lower risk score and will keep the situation under continual review. The target date shown is the date of the next risk review.	Impact	30-Jun-2025	
07-Apr-2017 Rob Shakespeare			10 Apr 2025		Accept	

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ENV-NE-KH 002a Security maintenance		effective security system in the Cyclical Works Programme (CWP), and Keats House maintain	Rob Shakespe are	. r	30-Jun-2025