South Tyneside Council

RISK ASSESSMENT

Department: Services for Young People, Children, Adults & Families	Section: Thurston O.E.C.	Assessment No: L5

Work Activity	Climbing & Abseiling – Thurston Trees	
	All hazards & control measures as for "Generic Assessment for all Outdoor Activities", "Rock Climbing, Abseiling (Outdoors)" plus additions below	**Risk rating, without controls** *(see Matrix overleaf)*
Hazards	Failure of belay system Climber crag/tree fast Failure of rope Swinging/slipping & hitting tree Failure of harness Inappropriate jewellery Failure of anchor system Rope burns or compression Entrapment of limbs, fingers or hair Struck by falling object / person Equipment Failure	**High** ☒ **Medium** ☐ **Low** ☐

Population Exposed	**Employees:** ☒	**Sub Contractors:** ☒	**Public:** ☒
	Young Persons: ☒	**Special Groups:** ☒	**Children:** ☒

Control Measures	Activity run in line with "Tree Climbing & Abseiling" Operating Procedures" with control measures including: Consideration to safe areas at the trees Regular inspection & replacement of ropes & other climbing equipment Regular inspection of anchor cables & hardware Suitable belay method used Tying back of long hair Removal of jewellery that presents a hazard Visual inspection of all equipment prior to use Correctly fitting harnesses & helmets issued & checked Briefing not to hold straps Abseil ropes releasable under load Briefing on lower off procedure Not to be used in Beaufort force 4 winds or above **Continue on separate sheet, if necessary**
Information Instruction Training Required	As stated in operating procedures

Personal Protective Measures (PPE)	As stated in operating procedures		
Implementation Plan		*By Whom*	*Target Date*

Risk Rating with Controls in place	☐ HIGH	☒ MEDIUM	☐ LOW

Monitoring and Review	**Review Date**	*By Whom*	*Target Date*
	Dec 2020		*Jan 2022*

Action Identified From Review		*By Whom*	*Target Date*

Risk Matrix

		Worst Case Outcome		
		Fatality	*Major Injury*	*Minor Injury*
Likelihood	*Probable*	HIGH	HIGH	MED.
	Possible	HIGH	MED	**MED.**
	Improbable	MED.	LOW	LOW

Assessment conducted by: **Signed:** **Date**:

Revised: December 2020. AS, RC, JS.