RED

SITUATION: The incident is having a strategically significant impact; normal community business has been significantly affected.

RESPONSE: The response is at or has exceeded the limits of capacity or capability, and further resources are required.

FORWARD LOOK: The situation is expected to either get worse or remain at this level for the short to medium term.

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AMBER

SITUATION: The incident is having a moderate impact with issues of strategic concern; normal community business has been affected, but the situation is being effectively managed.

RESPONSE: The response is being managed, at this time, within current resources and through the activation of local contingency plans or co-ordinated corrective action; mutual aid might be required in the short to medium term.

FORWARD LOOK: The situation is not expected to get any worse in the short to medium term although some disruption will continue.



GREEN

SITUATION: There is limited or no strategic impact from the incident; normal community business has largely returned or is continuing.

RESPONSE: Ongoing response is being managed locally, and within the capacity of pre-planned resources.

FORWARD LOOK: The situation is expected to improve with residual disruption being managed.