
REPORT OF
THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR PLACE

TO
LEAD MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

ON 8th April 2019

TITLE: Health and Safety Service Plan 2019/2020

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Lead Member approves the Health and Safety Plan for 2019/20 incorporating a review of the 2018-2019 performance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Health and Safety Executive has introduced a National Local Authority Enforcement Code with the aim of ensuring that local authority health and safety enforcement is focused on serious risks and poor performers. To ensure the service is accountable to our community, local authority health and safety services and processes should be designed to meet the local needs of the public and businesses. This should be reflected in publically available risk based service plans, approved, on an annual basis, by elected members, which reflects the HSE's strategic priorities and the objectives of the National Code.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

KEY DECISION: No

DETAILS:

Health and Safety Plan

In March 2016, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) published a strategy statement entitled "Helping Great Britain Work Well" targeting six key areas with the aim of preventing death, injury and ill health in Great Britain's workplaces and supporting businesses to grow.

Enforcement of health and safety legislation is split between the Health and Safety Executive and local authorities. With the decline in manufacturing and the rise in the service and leisure sectors, there has been an increase in the number of places of work where local authorities are the enforcing authority.

In May 2013 the HSE produced the National Local Authority Enforcement Code which sets out a risk based approach for local authority regulators to follow when targeting health and safety interventions. Local authority health and safety services and processes should be designed to meet the needs of local businesses and the public. This should be reflected in publically available risk based service plans which are approved on an annual basis, by elected members and take account of both the HSE's strategic priorities and the objectives of the National Code.

The Health and Safety Plan is required to demonstrate a broad range of activities to meet the codes four objectives which are:-

- Planned interventions to address the HSE's six strategic aims
- Information on the service that is being provided in line with the National Code
- The means by which these services are going to be provided
- Performance targets and how they will be achieved
- A review of performance to address any variance from meeting the targets set out in the plan.

KEY COUNCIL POLICIES: Health & Wellbeing

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS: The service has regard to the ability of business proprietors to understand written and spoken English. Where necessary, written and verbal translations are provided.

ASSESSMENT OF RISK: Low

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The City Council has a statutory duty to produce an annual Health and Safety Plan. The HSE has the legal power to take over the management of the Health and Safety service from local authorities who fail to achieve satisfactory levels of performance in terms of the enforcement of Health and Safety standards and legislation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The requirements of the HSE can be met within existing budgets.

PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS: None

HR IMPLICATIONS:

The plans can be met within existing officer resources.

OTHER DIRECTORATES CONSULTED: None

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WARDS TO WHICH REPORT RELATES: All
