

20 June 2017

Policy, Projects and Resources Committee

Corporate Health and Safety Performance Report 2016 - 2017

Report of: Mark Stanbury

Wards Affected: All

This report is: Public

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Brentwood Borough Council having responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and all subordinate legislation has a duty to ensure that it not only protects employee health and safety but anyone else who might be affected by its undertaking. In that respect, it must have demonstrable systems and processes in place which reflect that compliance. This report identifies the standards now in place and the work progressing to improve matters still further.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Corporate Health and Safety Annual Report 2016/17 (Appendix A) be approved by Members.**

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1 This report is submitted to Members via Committee as it is important that the Council fully recognises the need to comply with its legal requirements together with the progress being made throughout the authority to improve standards. This invariably means a continued investment in staff through training as well as the need for informed pecuniary input. A quarterly report on health and safety is already submitted at CLB level, and there is a health and safety committee on which an elected member already sits. It is the Council's continuing intention to comply fully with health and safety law 'so far as it is reasonably practicable' to do so.

4. Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

- 4.1 Member approval is sought as this report can impact significantly upon employees and persons affected by its undertakings (including the public,

residents and other employees). There are no other options available as an alternative to the Council's statutory obligations.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

- 5.1 Members are required to approve this report as it directly affects the Council, its employees and all others who may be affected by its undertaking.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 No consultation is required in advance of submission of this report to Committee.

7. References to Vision for Brentwood 2016-2019

- 7.1 With regard to the priority; 'Community and Health' this report supports businesses by safe-guarding public safety through risk-based regulation as applied in accordance with the 'Regulators Code produced under the Governments' Better Regulation Agenda'.

8. Implications

Legal Implications

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- 8.1 The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer has been consulted and is in agreement with the legal information provided in this report.

Financial Implications

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- 8.2 The Finance Director and Section 151 Officer has been consulted and states that there are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Other Implications (*where significant*) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

- 8.3 There are no asset management implications. There are no equality/diversity or risk management implications.

- 9. Background Papers** (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright)

None

- 10. Appendices to this report**

Appendix A – Corporate Health and Safety Performance Report 2016-17

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