

Tuesday, 18 September 2018

Policy, Projects and Resources Committee

**Corporate Health and Safety Performance Report
2017- 2018**

Report of: *David Wellings*

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 health and safety systems and culture.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Corporate Health and Safety Performance Report 2017-18 be approved by Members.**

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1 This report is submitted to Members through the Committee as it is important that the Council fully recognises the need to comply with its legal requirements, together with the progress and achievements being made throughout the authority, to improve standards and compliance. This invariably means a continued investment in employees through training, as well as advice and support and the need for informed fiscal input to maintain compliance. 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. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 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.

5. Consultation

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

6. References to Corporate Plan

- 6.1 The Council is committed to make Brentwood a Borough where people feel safe, healthy and supported. The Corporate Health and Safety Performance Report and overarching actions strongly accords with this priority.

7. Implications

Financial Implications

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Financial Implications

8. There are no direct finance implications in this report. Any costs arising from the Councils Health & Safety responsibilities are captured within existing budgets.

Legal Implications

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- 8.1 Legal Implications and duties are contained in the body of this report.
- 8.2 There are no asset management implications. There are no equality/diversity or risk management implications.

9. Appendices to this report

- Appendix A - The Corporate Health and Safety Performance Report 2017- 2018
- Appendix B - Key highlights of the Health and Safety Performance Report 2017 -2018

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