

To: Joint Consultative Board: Non-Teaching

On: 25 October 2017

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Heading: Developments in Health and Safety

1. Summary

This report outlines the developments which have taken place since the last meeting of the Joint Consultative Board: Non-Teaching.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 This report is for information only and to note that this is a retrospective record of health, safety and well being activities undertaken by the Finance and Resources, health and safety section and other council services.
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3. Background

This section of the report details the activities undertaken since the last JCB.

3.1 Policies and Guidance

The following are being revised:

- Control of Legionella Bacteria in Hot and Cold Water Systems
- The Selection and Control of Contractors.
- Alcohol and substance misuse
- Control of Smoking at Work

- 3.2 The health and safety section continue to assist services to retain accreditation to BS OHSAS 18001:2007. The next audit is planned for March 2018.

- 3.3 The Healthy Working Lives Gold award programme is currently under review and to be ready for submission in November 2017.
- 3.4 We are working closely with the risk and insurance section to identify accident causation type which could result in a claim against the council. This will lead to further strategies which may reduce the impact of claims to the council and more importantly raise the health and safety awareness amongst employees and managers
- 3.5 The health and safety section are continue to work with services to survey the fire arrangements within Renfrewshire House in line with the current refurbishment programme. We are also working with Development and Housing to review the fire safety arrangements at the high flats and sheltered housing accommodation units.
- 3.6 The health and safety section continue to support the Town Centres Team and other event organisers to ensure that there are safe, controlled and enjoyable events delivered. We are currently involved in the planning of the winter events programme.

Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial** - Continuing to improve health and safety performance will reduce accidents/occupational ill health and the costs associated with this.
- 2. **HR & Organisational Development** - This report supports the Councils commitment to the health, safety and well being of Renfrewshire Council employees.
- 3. **Community Planning –**
 - Community Care, Health & Well-being** - We will improve the physical and emotional wellbeing of staff across services through the Healthy Working Lives programme.
 - Empowering our Communities** - We will promote learning and encourage employees to fulfil their individual potential, and ensure that the council delivers high-quality services in the most effective and efficient way to meet the needs of local people.
 - Greener** - The E-management system will reduce the amount of paper used for risk assessment and accident forms.
 - Safer and Stronger** - Facilitating the health, safety and wellbeing of our employees by ensuring that appropriate policies and procedures are developed and adhered to, and that all legal requirements for health and safety are fulfilled.

4. **Legal** - This report will ensure the Council's continued compliance with current health and safety legislation.
5. **Property/Assets** - None
6. **Information Technology** - The E-management systems require to be facilitated through the Council's email server system.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because for example it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website. (Report author will arrange this).
8. **Health & Safety** - This document supports and demonstrates the council's commitment to ensuring effective health, safety and well being management.
9. **Procurement** – low impact as still at post tender negotiations.
10. **Risk** – low impact as legal and statutory requirements, including health surveillance, are being maintained.
11. **Privacy Impact** – not applicable to this report.

List of Background Papers

- (a) None

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