

To: Joint Consultative Board: Non-Teaching

On: April 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 and an update of their progress is as follows:-

- Statutory Inspections – issued
- CDM Guidance – awaiting approval for issue
- Guidance on Slips, Trips and Falls is being revised
- Control of Legionella Bacteria in Hot and Cold Water Systems – new process to be added, will be delayed until the process finalised.

- The selection and control of contractors' guidance is being reviewed. The health and safety section are working with the procurement team and legal to address issues identified after an accident.
- 3.2 The health and safety section continue to assist services to retain accreditation to BS OHSAS 18001:2007. The last audit took place in March 2017 raising 5 minor non conformities. An action plan has been developed and sent out. The next audit is scheduled for September 2017.
 - 3.3 As part of the Healthy Working Lives Gold award programme, the health and safety section and the HSCP team are working together to further develop some shared events. The programme will be shared with this meeting once finalised.
 - 3.4 2 safety flashes have been issued across the council. The first was on ladders and the second was on the safe use of compactors.

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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