

CABINET – 5TH JULY 2018

Report of the Overview Scrutiny Group

ITEM 9 ANNUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PERFORMANCE REPORT 2017/18

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Overview Scrutiny Group in relation to the Annual Health and Safety Performance Report 2017/18.

Recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group

That the Cabinet be informed that the Group supports the recommendation as set out in the report of the Head of Strategic Support.

Reason

Having considered the report and asked questions of the Head of Strategic Support on the matter, the Group concluded that it would be appropriate for the Cabinet to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

Meeting Discussion

Following questions from the Group, the Head of Strategic Support provided the following responses:

- (i) The report showed a downward trend for the number of accidents over the year which was seen as positive and showed that the Council was taking steps to mitigate any possible accidents.
- (ii) The Council was now taking an assurance based approach whereby managers and directors were given advice regarding health and safety in the workplace.
- (iii) No benchmarking was available other than comparison with previous years as it was difficult to measure the Council against others due to the different services provided and the number of interactions varied wildly. It was possible to say that the Council dealt with a large number of interactions throughout the year of which the accident level was comparably low.
- (iv) A higher level of detail was requested by the Group for next year's report which was noted by the Head of Strategic Support.
- (v) The central recording system was clarified for the Group as being held by the Health and Safety Team and each service notified them of any accidents within their team.
- (vi) Current policies and procedures were being reviewed and work was underway to improve the documents.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a scrutiny committee should be considered by the Cabinet.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Paper: Overview Scrutiny Group Minute 7 2018/19,
2nd July 2018

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