

Committee:	Safety Committee	Agenda Item No.:	9.
Date:	10 th July 2008	Category	
Subject:	Fire Risk Assessments - update	Status	Open
Report by:	Property and Estates Manager		
Other Officers involved:	Health and Safety Officer		
Director	Strategy		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Regeneration		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

COMMUNITY SAFETY – Ensuring that communities are safe and secure
CUSTOMER FOCUSED SERVICES – Providing excellent customer focused services
ENVIRONMENT – Promoting and enhancing a clean and sustainable environment
REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities
STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Continually improving our organisation.

Will help deliver the corporate aims by ensuring safe buildings used by staff and customers.

VALUE FOR MONEY

Delivers value for money by reducing the risk of fire damage to buildings and persons and the subsequent cost implications.

THE REPORT

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 replaced or modified around 100 separate pieces of legislation – including the Fire Precautions Act 1971 – and replaced them with one all-embracing set of regulations.

The council were required by this legislation to carry out a fire risk assessment for all our premises which are workplaces and all places open to the public with the exception of the housing stock, but including common areas to these.

Fire Risk Assessments were carried out by an independent consultant (an ex fire officer) and comprehensive reports produced for all the respective sites. These were passed to the "responsible persons" on each site to implement the identified actions. Actions typically related to fire detection systems, fire escape and fire fighting equipment.

It is our intention to employ the same consultant to review the Fire Risk Assessments on Council sites and to identify what has not been implemented but also if anything has changed. This is anticipated to take place in September 2008.

To summarise the current position regarding the actions identified in the initial assessments based on information provided by the relevant managers :-

Sherwood Lodge – 100% completed

Contact Centres – 100% completed

Leisure Centres – 100% completed

Depots – 100% completed

Pleasley Vale Business Park – 90% completed, remaining works in progress.

Grouped Dwellings – completed, except for upgraded fire alarm installations and remedial work to fire doors which both commenced on 2/06/08.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial : No – funded from existing budget

Legal : Yes – Compliance with building regulations and Fire Officers requirements.

Human Resources : No

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and the content noted.

ATTACHMENT: **N**
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