

Committee:	Safety Committee	Agenda Item No.:	7.
Date:	27 th April 2009	Category	
Subject:	Update on Fire Risk Assessment Reviews	Status	Open
Report by:	Property and Estates Manager		
Other Officers involved:	Health and Safety Officer		
Director	Director of Strategy		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Strategy		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

COMMUNITY SAFETY – Ensuring that communities are safe and secure.

CUSTOMER FOCUSED SERVICES – Providing excellent customer focused services.

REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities.

STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Continually improving our organisation.

Helps corporate aims by improving fire safety in Council properties for the benefit of residents, staff and Council's assets.

VALUE FOR MONEY

Fire Risk Assessments highlight any deficiencies in fire safety that might exist within a Council property which when rectified reduces the chance of future fire damage to buildings and the subsequent costs involved.

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 (FRA's) were carried out in 2006 by an independent consultant (an ex fire officer) and comprehensive reports produced for all the respective sites. These were passed to the Heads of Service responsible for each site to implement the identified actions. Actions typically related to fire detection systems, fire escape and fire fighting equipment.

We have employed the same consultant to review the FRA's on Council sites and to identify what has not been implemented but also if anything has changed. This review is now completed and we have all the FRA Review reports for all the sites. These review reports have already been sent to all respective Heads of Service for them to implement the identified actions.

Attached is a schedule of significant fire risk findings which shows the amount identified in the original reports in 2006 and the amount identified in 2009, this shows that significant progress has been made to address the issues but also that work needs still to be done on some sites in particular. There are some new risks identified so the figures on the attached sheet will be somewhat inflated for the 2009 report. However, in light of the review information which shows many items still outstanding, Heads of Service will be asked to action the identified risks within a strict timescale to ensure that these important issues are addressed as soon as possible.

SUMMARY

With regard to some sites, in particular Pleasley Vale Business Park which appears to have a large proportion of risks still outstanding, most of the important risks have been addressed, some are new risks and others are items that have been identified as low level non compulsory risks that because of their nature and financial implications are not considered necessary to action.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial : No – funded from existing budget.

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

Human Resources : No

RECOMMENDATION

That an Action Plan be developed in conjunction with Heads of Service to complete the identified works within a reasonable timescale and that further reports on progress be provided to the Safety Committee.

ATTACHMENT: Y
FILE REFERENCE:
SOURCE DOCUMENT:

**Fire Risk Assessments – Significant Fire Risk items
April 2009**

Location	2006 Report	2009 Report	
Sherwood Lodge	42	8	
Oxcroft Depot	52	8	
Meadow Lane Depot	13	6	
Shirebrook Contact Centre	29	7	
South Normanton Contact Centre	18	3	
Clowne Contact Centre	18	4	
Ashbourne Court	30	14	
Jubilee Court	25	13	
Parkfields	30	9	
Valley View	27	9	
Victoria House	28	11	
Woburn House	17	8	
Alder House	28	12	
Hides Green, Bolsover	8	6	
Orchard Close, Bolsover	7	6	
Pattison Street, Shuttlewood	7	6	
The Paddock, Bolsover	7	6	
Mill Lane, Whitwell	9	4	
Park View, Barlborough	9	4	
Queens Court, Creswell	9	4	
Recreation Close, Clowne	9	5	
Kissingate Leisure Centre	9	1	
Creswell Leisure Centre	22	2	
Broadmeadows Sports ground		6	
Clune Street Sports ground	4		
Shirebrook Model Village Sports ground	4		
Castle Leisure Park	25	8	
Community House, New Houghton		13	
Orchard Centre, Bolsover		8	
Eastfield Drive, S.Normanton		9	
Pleasley Vale Business Park	111	82	

Note

This numbers in this schedule compares the significant fire risks recorded in the original FRA's in 2006 with the FRA Review in 2009. Approximately 25% appear to be new risks.