

Council/ Committee:	Safety Committee	Agenda Item No.:	10.
Date:	8 <sup>th</sup> July 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 were carried out in 2006 by an independent consultant and comprehensive reports produced for all the respective sites.

The Council employed the same consultant, (i.e. Peakland Fire Safety Ltd.) commencing in December 2008 to review the FRA's and to identify what has not been implemented but also if anything has changed. This review is now completed, all reports having been received by end of March 2009, and at the last Safety Committee it was agreed that all Heads of Service be contacted and given a deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 for them to action any Priority 1 or 2 items which were identified in the review as being still outstanding or give reasons why not. A schedule itemising these Priority 1 and 2 items will be circulated at the meeting for information.

## **SUMMARY**

On the 30th June 2009, Heads of Service will be contacted again for them to state the position regarding the outstanding items and their response will be reported verbally to this committee by the Property and Estates Manager.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

Financial : None - funded from existing budget  
Legal : Yes – compliance with Building Regulations and Fire Officers requirements  
Human Resources : None

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That members note the report**

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