

Council/ Committee:	Safety Committee	Agenda Item No.:	9.
Date:	8 th July 2009	Category	*
Subject:	General Health and Safety Report	Status	Open
Report by:	Health and Safety Officer		
Other Officers involved:			
Director	Chief Executive Officer		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	People and Performance		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Continually improving our organisation, by ensuring we comply with legislation and best practice.

TARGETS

The subject matter does not relate to any targets specified in the Corporate Plan.

VALUE FOR MONEY

Helping ensure that the Council discharges its legal responsibilities and does not incur legal costs, fines or civil penalties.

THE REPORT

Kissinggate Leisure Centre

Renovation works on the site have commenced, the expected re-opening time is mid October. Re-commissioning will include safety checks, water hygiene, electrical wiring etc.

Legionella

The civil claims case noted in the last minutes is still ongoing; there has been no further communication from the insurers on the matter.

Refresher training was undertaken by H20 in June.

Risk assessments have been reviewed and a work programme is being developed with the contractor to deal with any issues raised.

Legionella and water quality continues to be monitored through the Asset Management Group.

Fire Safety at Group Dwellings

New fire procedures have been introduced at:

Woburn House
Valley View
Jubilee Court
Alder House
Victoria House

All wardens have been trained on the new system

All tenants have been given instruction and information

All tenants have been given a copy of the new procedure and have attached it to their doors.

Asbestos Management

Asbestos surveys on the commercial/non domestic properties have been received and a programme of work is being put together with the contractor.

Arrangements for carrying out a representative sample of the housing stock have been agreed, and a pre contract meeting held with Interserve who will be undertaking the survey work.

Training

8 employees attended induction training on 13th May

8 employees attended asbestos management training on 20th April

26 employees attended legionella refresher training on 9th and 10th of June (there will be a further session)

23 employees attended risk management training on 5th and 6th of May

Planned training

Further asbestos awareness training course for 12 employees and asbestos task training for 60 over the next month.

Policy Development

The asbestos policy has been redrafted and is out for consultation with managers who will operate it.

The revised stress policy will go to the next Heads of Service Group.

First Aid in Boxes in Vehicles

Relevant Heads of Service have been asked what arrangements are in place to ensure that first aid boxes in vehicles are kept fully stocked.

A requisition form is available on ERIC to obtain first aid supplies.

Confirmation of response will be given verbally at the meeting.

Fire at Depot North Bolsover District Council

On June 2nd a petrol fire occurred at Depot North, which involved petrol being poured from a container onto the ground then ignited by either a dropped cigarette or by a lighter.

Two employees, including the individual responsible for the fire received minor burns.

Prompt action from the employees nearby controlled what could have been a very serious fire, both in terms of casualties and damage.

The following measures are proposed, in relation to petrol refuelling, to reduce the risk of recurrence at Riverside Depot:

- Improved labelling of petrol containers
- Reduction in amounts of flammable liquids/oils stored
- Provision of spill proof spouts for containers
- Provision of extinguishers close to this area
- Carrying out a risk assessment and producing a safe working method statement.
- Making the depot an entirely non-smoking area, (or allocating a specific area only for smoking.)
- Training for personnel
- Providing a spills kit
- Allocate a specific area for this activity, away from potential fuel sources, parked vehicles etc.
- Ensuring refuelling is not carried out by lone workers.

The employee concerned is the subject of an investigatory hearing, to be held on 25th June.

Health and Safety Inspection Reports

I am awaiting copies of the Group dwellings health and safety reports and Leisure Services QUEST reports (these are externally verified reports tailored to leisure services needs, and incorporate health and safety issues.)

No issues are outstanding from the reports previously received.

Health and Safety Audits

The Health and Safety audit for Pleasley Vale Mills has been completed, the report is being drafted. Provisionally recommendations will centre around additional training for council personnel on site.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial: No direct financial implications or additional commitments
Legal: No direct implications
Human Resources: No direct implications

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be accepted

ATTACHMENT: None
FILE REFERENCE:
SOURCE DOCUMENT: