

SAFETY COMMITTEE NOTES

Notes of a Safety Committee meeting of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Thursday 31st May 2018 at 1400 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:- Councillors R.J. Bowler, H.J. Gilmour and B.R. Murray-Carr.

UNISON:- No representatives present.

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Officers:- S. Gordon (Human Resources and OD Manager), Peter Campbell (Joint Head of Housing and Community Safety), M. Spotswood (Health and Safety Manager), G. Galloway (Joint Head of Property and Commercial Services), S. Brunt (Joint Head of Streetscene), W. Carter (Leisure Operations Manager), D. Broom (Facilities and Contracts Manager) and A. Bluff (Governance Officer).

As only three Members were present, this meeting of the Safety Committee was not quorate. However, as a Member had an urgent item of business to raise at the meeting, Members agreed to proceed with the urgent item only for information and discussion, noting that any decision(s) would be ratified at the next meeting. The rest of the agenda items would be adjourned until the next arranged meeting of the Committee.

A. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from C. McKinney (Unison) and K. Shillitto (Unison).

B. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

C. URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

A Member requested reassurance with regard to the fire risk assessments carried out in relation to roof spaces on Council sheltered housing schemes.

The Head of Housing advised the meeting that the issue was about fire compartmentation in sheltered housing schemes rather than in roof spaces for all Council properties.

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A recent fire risk assessment at one of the sheltered housing schemes in Shirebrook had said that the fire compartmentation was non-existent despite previous fire risk assessments saying the fire compartmentation seemed adequate. This had posed a potential risk to tenants at that scheme in the event of a fire. There were other problems at the scheme also in that it was nearing the end of its life. A report would be presented to a future meeting of Executive with a view to decommissioning the scheme and moving people out. A future report would also be presented to Executive with regard to considering demolition of the building.

With regard to fire compartmentation, the expertise of the external fire risk assessors who carried out the inspections, had always been relied upon by the Authority. All future inspections would include requests of photographic evidence to back up any claims which would ensure the roof space had been assessed. The Head of Housing added that there was no evidence of similar issues at any of the other sheltered housing schemes.

AGREED that the verbal report be noted.

D. HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE IN THE GO FUEL CAFE

A Member raised concern that he had witnessed a member of staff in the Go Fuel Café using inadequate equipment to stand on. The Leisure Operations Manager agreed to investigate this.

The meeting concluded at 1430 hours.