



CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE - 3RD JULY 2017

SUBJECT: ACCIDENT STATISTICS REPORT FOR JANUARY – MARCH 2017

REPORT BY: INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members, Management and Trade Union Safety Representatives of the numbers and types of work related accidents/incidents that occurred during the period of January to March 2017.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The following report provides accident statistics for January to March 2017. Accident statistics are produced for each quarter and presented to the members of the Health and Safety Committee for information.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The recording and reporting of accidents is in line with the Council's H&S Policy.
- 3.2 The Local Authority under legislation is responsible for the reporting of injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences to the HSE as well as implementing preventative and protective measures to prevent foreseeable workplace accidents occurring.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR) require accidents which arise as a result of, or in connection with, work to be categorised as follows and reported to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE):
- Fatal accidents
 - 'Specified injury' - including a fracture other than to fingers, thumbs and toes; amputation of an arm, hand, finger, thumb, leg, foot or toe; permanent loss or reduction of sight; crush injuries leading to internal organ damage; serious burns (covering more than 10% of the body, or damaging the eyes, respiratory system or other vital organs); scalpings (separation of skin from the head) which require hospital treatment; unconsciousness caused by head injury or asphyxia; and any other injury arising from working in an enclosed space, which leads to hypothermia, heat-induced illness or requires resuscitation or admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours.
 - Accidents which cause an employee to be away from work or unable to perform their normal work duties for more than seven consecutive days (not counting the day of the accident).

- Work-related accidents involving members of the public or people who are not at work (including pupils) if the injured person is taken from the scene of the accident to hospital for treatment to that injury.

4.2 The term 'non reportable' accident or incident refers to any accident or incident that is not included in point 4.1 and therefore is not reportable to the Health and Safety Executive. Most of these accidents result in minor injuries. Accidents in this classification are reported to the Health and Safety Division only if they affect:

- Employees while they are at work.
- Pupils, clients and members of the public who are injured as a result of a work activity while they are on Council premises or using the facilities.
- Any persons who are injured as a result of any work activity carried out by or on behalf of the Authority.

4.3 Appendix 1 provides details on all of the accidents for the Authority that have been reported to the Health and Safety Division between January and March 2017. These are categorised by accident type and by type of incident, e.g. non-reportable, over seven days' lost time or restricted duties, and specified injury.

4.4 Appendix 2 details the RIDDOR-Reportable Accidents Per Directorate between January and March 2017.

4.5 There were fourteen accidents that were RIDDOR-reportable in total, accounting for 29% of all accidents recorded – five within the Chief Executive's Directorate, one within Social Services and Corporate Services respectively, and seven within Communities. Each had a separate causal factor, as shown in Appendix 2. Of these, five accidents were reportable as they caused the employees concerned to be away from work or unable to perform their normal work duties for more than seven consecutive days, four due to 'specified injuries' (see point 4.1 above), three due to school pupils sustaining an injury during supervised play periods that required them to be directly taken to hospital for medical treatment, and two incidents involving members of the public that required them to be directly taken to hospital for medical treatment.

4.6 For the purposes of reporting, staff who are working for the Authority via an agency are treated as employees.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no equalities implications.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial implications contained in the report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no personnel implications contained in the report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 All comments from consultees have been included in the report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That members note the contents of the report.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 To keep members informed of the accident statistics on a quarterly basis.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Not applicable to the content of the report.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 - All accidents by Type for the Authority between January and March 2017

Appendix 2 - Reportable accidents by Type and Directorate between January and March 2017