

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Scrutiny Committee
20 October 2016

From: Chairman of Scrutiny Committee

Subject: **POLICY REVIEW – HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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1.0 SUMMARY:

1.1 The purpose of this report is to gather evidence from appropriate individuals in order to progress the Review.

2.0 BACKGROUND:

2.1 The Committee has previously agreed to undertake this Review and identified information and issues that it would like to consider. The Project Plan for the review is attached as Annex A.

2.2 The Terms of Reference of the review are as follows:

To consider whether the existing plans, policies and working arrangements for Health and Safety Management within the Council are effective and to ensure that the Council's Health and Safety procedures meets or exceed the legal requirements.

3.0 INFORMATION AND ISSUES:

3.1 The following officers will be in attendance at the meeting:

- Paul Staines, Head of Service – Environment
- Peter Marshall, Health and Safety Risk Manager
- Gary Nelson, Head of Legal and Information (Monitoring Officer)
- Louise Hancock, Democratic Services Officer

4.0 RECOMMENDATION:

4.1 It is recommended that the Committee determines information that it would like officers to report upon to the next meeting of the Committee and other issues which they would like considered in respect of Health and Safety.

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Background papers: None
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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

POLICY REVIEW – HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT

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SCOPE

- To review the existing arrangements for Health and Safety Management, including the secondment arrangement with NYCC
- To review the Corporate Health and Safety Plan for 2016-2017
- To review the Health and Safety Policy 2016
- To consider performance on the key improvement priorities for 2016-2017
- To consider how the Corporate Policy and Plan is being implemented in the key risk areas for Health and Safety in the Council

OBJECTIVES

- To investigate whether the existing arrangements for Health and Safety Management are effective and fit for purpose
- To ascertain whether any significant Health and Safety issues remain unresolved and to consider a way forward to resolving these issues
- To review the Corporate Health and Safety Policy and Health and Safety Plan for 2016-17 taking into consideration any outstanding issues that remain unresolved
- To review existing arrangements for Health and Safety Management and consider whether these are effective

WITNESSES

- Chief Executive, Dr Justin Ives
- Executive Director, Mick Jewitt
- Dominic Passman, Health and Safety Risk Manager
- Head of Service – Environment, Paul Staines
- Head of Service – Leisure and Communities, Steve Lister

DOCUMENTS/EVIDENCE

- Health and Safety Policy 2016
- Health and Safety Plan for 2016/17
- Progress reports on the implementation of the Health and Safety Plans
- WASS Health and Safety Plan 2016/17
- Leisure and Communities Health and Safety Plan 2016/17

OTHER METHODS/CONSULTATION/RESEARCH

Task and Finish Groups.

OFFICER SUPPORT

Louise Hancock, Democratic Services Officer
Gary Nelson, Head of Service – Legal and Information (Monitoring Officer)

TIMESCALE

Commencing September 2016
Projected completion January 2017
Report to Cabinet February 2017