# **HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Report To: Scrutiny Committee

12 January 2017

From: Chairman of Scrutiny Committee

Subject: POLICY REVIEW – HEALTH AND SAFETY

All Wards

#### 1.0 **SUMMARY**:

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the draft Final Report prior to submission to Cabinet in April 2017.

# 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.

- 2.3 A summary of the key points highlighted from the evidence is attached at Annex B to the report along with a full memorandum of evidence at Annex C.
- 2.4 A copy of the draft report to Cabinet is attached at Annex D of the report.

# 3.0 RECOMMENDATION:

3.1 The Committee is asked to consider the draft Final Report prior to submission to Cabinet in April 2017.

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#### **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

#### **POLICY REVIEW - HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT**

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE:

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

#### 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   |
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| 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     Leigure and Communities Health and Safety Plan 2016/17 |
| Leisure and Communities Health and Safety Plan 2016/17   |
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| OTHER METHODS/CONSULTATION/RESEARCH  |
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| Task and Finish Groups.  |
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| Louise Hancock, Democratic Services Officer  |
| Gary Nelson, Head of Service – Legal and Information (Monitoring Officer)                      |
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# **Key Points From Evidence**

The following is a summary of the key points highlighted from the evidence received:

- It was acknowledged that there was a comprehensive corporate Health and Safety Plan in place and arrangements for monitoring and review through regular meetings of the Health and Safety Group.
- It was recognised that there were very detailed service specific Health and Safety plans in place which were regularly monitored and reviewed.
- The agreement with NYCC ensured that the District Council had competent Health and Safety advice for the Council.
- Feedback to Members on the progress of service specific Health and Safety Plans was an area identified for possible improvement as this was not currently provided to Scrutiny Committee.

#### **Memorandum of Evidence**

The Committee took evidence from Mick Jewitt, Executive Director and Dominic Passman, Health and Safety Risk Manager, NYCC

Mick Jewitt explained in detail the following documents:-

- Health and Safety Policy
- Hambleton District Council Corporate Health and Safety Plan 2016 2017
- Waste and Street Scene Health and Safety Action Plan 2016 2017
- Leisure and Communities Health and Safety Action Plan 2016 2017

Mick reported that the Health and Safety Policy was reviewed on an annual basis and that it had recently been reviewed and had taken into consideration recent management changes.

He also reported that Scrutiny Committee received quarterly monitoring reports on Health and Safety performance.

As Executive Director, Mick was also appointed as the 'Health and Safety Director' to ensure that health and safety risk management issues were properly addressed by Senior Management Team and more widely in the District Council. The role included maintaining an adequately resourced Health and Safety Risk Management Service and also Chairing the Health and Safety Group.

Mick highlighted several areas within the HDC Health and Safety Policy, specifically the responsibilities of Executive Directors, Heads of Service, Managers, Employees and Elected Members.

The Corporate Health and Safety Plan was reviewed annually and monitored at the Health and Safety Group. Actions arising were cascaded down into the individual service areas. Milestones within the Plan would be updated as they progressed or had been completed.

In relation to the Secondment Agreement with North Yorkshire County Council, Mick reported that the Secondment Agreement had just been signed for a further 3 years from 1 September 2016 until 31 August 2019. The agreement with NYCC ensured that the District Council had competent Health and Safety advice for the Council. The employees of North Yorkshire County Council were under Mick's management when at the District Council. Under the agreement, the District Council receives 3 days per week. NYCC pays their employees' salaries however the District Council pays a contribution for 2 officers which equates to £36k per year. This was only a marginal increase on the sum paid under the previous agreement.

Both the Waste and Street Scene and Leisure and Communities Health and Safety Action Plans apply the Corporate Policy and Plan within their services.

The Committee enquired as to what were the main differences between the new plans and the old plans and was advised they had been built on the previous system which the Health and Safety Risk Manager at NYCC had helped to develop. The plans have been improved and updated to reflect best practices and changes in the organisation.

The Committee ask if they were working ok was advised that yes they were. If we looked back 3 years ago when the Council had their own Health and Safety Officer, the level of service was patchy and not as good as it should have been. The Council had had a visit by the Health and

Safety Executive within the Waste and Street Scene, particularly the Depot, and several Improvement Notices were issued. The response to that and the feedback received highlighted that the internal service was lacking and we were not getting sufficient support. The arrangement was terminated and the District Council brought in new arrangements which had resulted in significant improvements.

The Committee wished to know whether those issues that were outstanding 3 years ago had been resolved and was advised that yes they had been resolved. There had been an inspection over 3 days with 3 Inspectors and there was going to be a follow-up visit on 4 October for 1 day by 1 inspector and this would highlight the extent to which we had improved. All the matters identified in the Improvement Notices had been addressed.

The Committee asked for details on those issues from 3 years ago and was advised that there were issues around personal and protective equipment which had been dealt with; asbestos and fly tipping which had also been dealt with and there was also more general criticism following the visit about access to advice and specialisms within the authority which had been addressed through the arrangement with NYCC.

The Committee enquired as to whether there was anything in place for mental health issues and was advised that there were arrangements through HR who have separate procedures. However, in Waste and Street Scene there were issues around sickness levels generally which was included within the plan and was subsequently monitored.

The Committee observed that the WASS was very comprehensive but the Leisure Plan seemed a little sparse asked as to why this was and was advised that this was not a reflection on how well they do Health and Safety, this reflected the different services and that they had different starting positions. The Corporate priorities were set out in each plan for each year.

The Committee asked who dealt with asbestos in the Leisure Centres and was informed that an asbestos review had been undertaken which had resulted in a detailed report and action plan which had been implemented. Ultimately, health and safety was the responsibility of the Chief Executive, other officers such as Mick Jewitt, Design and Maintenance with support by Health and Safety. At property level there were nominated persons such as duty officers.

Very recent work had been undertaken and there was an action plan going to be presented to Management Team on Monday, 5 September which would then go to the Corporate Group on Tuesday, 6 September, and then be cascaded down.

The Committee wished to know what obligation did elected Members/officers have to wear personal protective equipment and was advised that the Corporate Health and Safety Policy set this out in detail.

The Committee also asked what pressure could be brought to bear to wear PPE and was advised that the policy was very strictly adhered to and that there had been dismissals, not necessary because of PPE, but for not following health and safety policies.

The Committee commented that, in respect of the Planning Committee, PPE had been issued many years ago but not so recently and that perhaps this needed refreshing. The Committee was advised that if you are issued PPE you are required to wear it, the responsibility comes back to the individual. There are pockets of good practice but perhaps there were areas that needed to be brought up to standard.

The Committee observed that the WASS staff shortages was not a good enough excuse or reason for why something had not been actioned and it was agreed that where health and safety actions

had been identified they would be dealt with. Any specific issues from the WASS Plan would be raised with Paul Staines when he attended to give evidence.

The Committee asked whether it would be possible to have a concise email or communication to Members that highlighted the different issues reflected in previous years and was advised that this was something that could be explored.

The Committee enquired yow was the Hambleton Forum covered and was advised that, as the District Council lease this out, the tenants had responsibility and this would be set out in the tenancy agreement. As a landlord, the District Council only have responsibility for certain issues.

The Committee asked whether the District Council connected with other authorities and was advised that as NYCC was a shared service they provided their services to other authorities. Leisure had been under external scrutiny for a long time and there was a regional group 'WISH'. Best practice was also shared amongst different authorities to learn from others and adopt best practice.

# <u>The Committee took evidence from Paul Staines, Head of Service – Environment and Peter Marshall, Health and Safety Risk Manager, NYCC</u>

Paul Staines provided an update on the issues that had been raised by the Health and Safety Executive previously which had resulted in enforcement notices being issued. Namely the personal and protective equipment; asbestos and fly tipping and pedestrian vehicle signage within the depot.

Paul reported that Asbestos removal was now outsourced to specialist contractors and noise generated from kerbside collection vehicles had been reduced. Health and safety was at the core of the Waste and Recycling Strategy and included actions such as reducing manual handling, etc. Reversing operations and the use of a reversing assistance had been improved however there had been 6 staff dismissals because of infringements.

Other improvements had also been made on welfare facilities; vehicle checks and benchmarking and that support had also improved because the District Council now had a dedicated Health and Safety Risk Manager monitoring the Waste and Street Scene Health and Safety Action Plan.

Paul was pleased to report that the Health and Safety Executive had visited the Depot on 12 October and did not raise any recommendations for improvement. This had been attributed to the hard work and commitment of the officers in the Depot who had gone above and beyond to ensure that all the necessary changes had been implemented. Work was continuing in looking at the culture and behavioural changes in the workplace and that there were still improvements that could be made.

Peter reported that one of the problems that staff encounter whilst on their rounds is the actions of the public such as overtaking the lorries onto incoming traffic. Risk assessments on routes were being carried out and there was an opportunity to redesign routes and stop reversing on routes to help eradicate some of these hazards. There was also the potential to move towards a mapping system which would help with the mapping of the rounds.

Paul also reported that, apart from having a dedicated resource for Health and Safety, one of the duties of one of the Managers at the Depot was specifically Health and Safety Management and staff training.

Paul attended regular meetings which were held every 6 weeks and also a quarterly corporate meeting which was chaired by the Executive Director, Mick Jewitt. The action plan was regularly monitored and updated at these meetings to ensure that actions were being implemented.

The Committee commented that it was good to hear that the report from the HSE did not raise any issues, this was excellent news. The Committee asked whether CCTV was used and if so, how useful was it in identifying any wayward practices. The Committee was informed that there was a new 360° system installed in the vehicles which did record when activated. It could be used to review evidence in disciplinary cases. It also helped employees with good practice and claims for damage could be reviewed. When carrying out the procurement exercise, the District Council did not consider anybody who did not provide CCTV.

<u>The Committee took evidence from Steve Lister, Head of Service – Leisure and Environment and Dominic Passman, Health and Safety Risk Manager, NYCC</u>

Steve presented the Leisure and Communities Health and Safety Action Plan to the Committee and circulated additional documentation on Managing Health and Safety at Hambleton's Leisure Centres and an updated Health and Safety Quarterly report which had just been approved at the quarterly meeting. Steve reiterated to the Committee how important Health and Safety was in the Leisure Centres and that the approach to Health and Safety was based on policy and enshrined in all practices that are undertaken.

The document Managing Health and Safety at Hambleton Leisure Centres was based around a number of stages: policy; planning; risk profiling; organising; implementing your plan; measuring performance; investigating accidents/incidents/near misses; reviewing performance and learning lessons. Steve outlined each stage which was based on the 'Plan, Do Check, Act Cycle'.

Policy: is implemented in the Leisure Centres after it has been approved – enshrined in all practices undertaken.

Planning: various arrangements in place, ie documents and procedures, actions plans, etc. Some are corporate based others are service based, eg waterslides. Some procedures are determined for us such as the leisure attendants and lifeguards – lifeguards have to be qualified and adhere to the Royal Life Saving Society Standards. We have to ensure there are the appropriate number of lifeguards in appropriate locations to ensure they are in the right place at the right time.

Risk Profiling: this is about management being clear on risks and providing a suite of risk assessments, both corporate and service specific ones to ensure they are right, suitable and sufficient.

Organising: controls, communications, co-operation and competence – eg lifeguards have to undertake a full week's worth of training and continue with personal development at least 3/4 hours a month – this policy links straight into the disciplinary procedure – it is very strict.

Implementing your plan: steps you take to ensure your plan is implemented effectively.

Measuring performance: there are two main ways to measure performance – actively and reactively. Actively includes pre-open checks, pre-closure inspection and specialists to audit our sites which is a very lengthy exercise for each site and a very thorough approach. We have quest assessments at all centres. The key focus is on health and safety. We have to check certificates, mystery visits are undertaken to check practices – a recent check at Bedale scored 100%.

Investigating accidents/incidents/near misses: approach to investigation when necessary includes the Health and Safety Risk Manager and others. We have external assistance, eg when dealing

with near misses they get logged and investigated why the incident happened – we learn lessons and avoid in the future.

Reviewing performance and Learning lessons: quarterly reports are submitted to the Corporate Health and Safety Team as well as to staff in the centres. Learning lessons is the most difficult as hard lessons may to be learnt because of individual circumstances.

The Health and Safety Action Plan determined improvements that the Council would like to see happen over the year. This originated from the Corporate Action Plan.

Benchmarking involved staff and there were various mechanisms for this to happen such as the quest system and also site visits by staff to other centres to look at different standards and operating procedures.

The Committee asked how were risks prioritised in the action plan and how were the conclusions reached and was advised that profiling risks never went away. You had to make sure the best practices were in place and continuing to learn was always at the top. Risks for equipment may be less priority and some risks may come from the quest assessments or new legislation. At the quarterly meetings new risks may be identified or the existing priorities were revised.

The Committee asked whether there was an end point and was advised that risk assessment was ongoing and was always going to be. We have an ambitious plan and may achieve 75% of these. It may be too ambitious but we also have to make sure we deal with the low scoring ones.

The Committee asked whether as a result of staff turnover, were new staff a big health and safety risk and was it possible to perhaps look at how to retain staff that had already been invested in. The Committee was advised that the District Council would like to retain staff but, as the profile of staff was quite young, they may not be sure what it was exactly they would want to do as a career and may move on into different areas. We had to be realistic.

The Committee asked whether the quarterly reports that were considered by the Health and Safety Group included progress on previous data as this would be useful to be included so that progression could be monitored. The Committee was informed that the Corporate Health and Safety team had this information however service specific reports were not provided to Scrutiny. The question of how to keep Members informed needed to be reviewed corporately.

# HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Cabinet

11 April 2017

From: Scrutiny Committee

Subject: POLICY REVIEW – HEALTH AND SAFETY – FINAL REPORT

**All Wards** 

# 1.0 **SUMMARY**:

1.1 Between July 2016 and February 2017 the Committee undertook a review regarding Health and Safety. This report sets out the Committee's findings, conclusions and recommendations.

# 2.0 **INTRODUCTION**:

- 2.1 Health and Safety was regarded as an appropriate topic for review because The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 places general duties on the District Council to take reasonable measures to ensure employees, service users and general public are protected from being injured or made ill by the business of the District Council. In addition, the District Council must take reasonable steps to ensure organisations that are commissioned to deliver services for or on behalf of the Council are competent to do so safely.
- 2.2 The Committee as a whole undertook the review and the terms of reference were 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.
- 2.3 In order to determine whether the District Council's plans, policies and practices were effective, the Committee wished to:-
  - review the existing arrangements for Health and Safety Management, including the secondment arrangement with NYCC;
  - review the Corporate Health and Safety Plan for 2016-2017;
  - review the Health and Safety Policy 2016;
  - consider performance on the key improvement priorities for 2016-2017; and
  - consider how the Corporate Policy and Plan was being implemented in the key risk areas for Health and Safety in the Council.

#### 3.0 EVIDENCE

- 3.1 The following witnesses attended meetings of the Committee to give evidence:
  - Mick Jewitt, Executive Director, Hambleton District Council (HDC);
  - Domonic Passman, Health and Safety Risk Manager, North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC);
  - Paul Staines, Head of Service Environment (now Director of Leisure and Environment (HDC);

- Peter Marshall Health and Safety Risk Manager, North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC); and
- Steve Lister, Head of Service Leisure and Environment (HDC).
- 3.2 The Committee also reviewed the following documents in detail:
  - Health and Safety Policy;
  - Hambleton District Council Corporate Health and Safety Plan 2016 2017;
  - Waste and Street Scene Health and Safety Action Plan 2016 2017; and
  - Leisure and Communities Health and Safety Action Plan 2016 2017.

#### 4.0 FINDINGS

- 4.1 Based on the written and oral evidence presented, the Committee's findings were as follows:
- 4.1.1 The Committee ascertained that the District Council's Health and Safety Policy sets out the framework which defines what is expected from line managers and employees of the Council. Managers are responsible for ensuring the services they manage are suitably risk assessed and all reasonable control measures implemented and maintained. Employees are responsible for fully co-operating with all health and safety control measures, including behaving responsibly and making their manager aware of any health and safety issues/concerns. There are several areas within the HDC Health and Safety Policy, which specifically highlight the responsibilities of Directors, Heads of Service, Managers, Employees and Elected Members.
- 4.1.2 Scrutiny Committee, within the management of effective health and safety, is provided with:
  - a copy of the Corporate Health and Safety Plan to be monitored and reviewed on a quarterly basis;
  - a copy of the Health and Safety Annual Report to be monitored and reviewed at the end of each year.
- 4.1.3 As Executive Director, Mick Jewitt is also appointed as the 'Health and Safety Director' to ensure that health and safety risk management issues are properly addressed by Senior Management Team and more widely in the District Council. The role includes maintaining an adequately resourced Health and Safety Risk Management Service and also Chairing the Health and Safety Group.
- 4.1.4 It was acknowledged that there is a comprehensive corporate Health and Safety Plan in place and arrangements for monitoring and review through regular meetings of the Health and Safety Group. It was also acknowledged that the Corporate Health and Safety Plan is reviewed annually and monitored at the Health and Safety Group. Any actions arising are cascaded down into the individual service areas and milestones within the Plan are updated as they progress or have been completed.
- 4.1.5 The Secondment Agreement with NYCC had been signed for a further 3 years from 1 September 2016 until 31 August 2019. The agreement with NYCC ensured that the District Council had competent Health and Safety advice for the Council. The employees of NYCC were under the Executive Director's management when at the District Council and, under the agreement, the District Council receives 3 days per week.

- 4.1.6 It was acknowledged that the Secondment Agreement with NYCC was working effectively. It was accepted that, when the Council had an in-house Health and Safety Officer, the level of service could have been improved. The Council had received a visit by the Health and Safety Executive within the Waste and Street Scene, particularly the Depot, and several Improvement Notices had been issued. The response to that and the feedback received highlighted that the internal service was lacking and was not getting sufficient support. The arrangement was terminated and the District Council brought in new arrangements which had resulted in significant improvements.
- 4.1.7 The Committee carried out in-depth reviews of the Waste and Street Scene and the Leisure and Communities Health and Safety Action Plans.
- 4.1.8 With regard to Waste and Street Scene, it was acknowledged that a visit from the Health and Safety Executive on 12 October 2016 had highlighted several areas for improvement. This had resulted in enforcement notices being issued in relation to personal and protective equipment; asbestos and fly tipping and pedestrian vehicle signage within the depot. Appropriate action had been taken to ensure that these issues were addressed.
- 4.1.9 The Health & Safety Executive conducted a visit to WaSS on 12 October 2016 to review progress made since the audit they carried out in 2011. They concluded that all issues previously identified had been addressed and significant improvements made in all areas of H&S. The extract below confirms the outcome:
  - 4.1.9.1 The Health and Safety Executive was extremely impressed with everything she heard and saw. She found no areas for improvement and has not even needed to offer advice on anything. The Council were able to demonstrate that the Council and the Service have an excellent culture regarding Safety and Health. She was particularly impressed with:
    - the Council's H&S management systems
    - Senior Management buy in to H&S
    - the Council's access to specialist advice
    - the work the Council has done on tackling what was a poor H&S culture
    - staff engagement and safety culture
    - investment on H&S improvements
    - the standard and condition of the depot
    - the commitment to continuous improvement
    - commitment to welfare improvements
  - 4.1.9.2 The Health and Safety Executive will not be writing to the Council as she would have to levy a charge and their policy is to only write where action is needed. The Health and Safety Executive is not planning to make a return visit.
- 4.1.10 It was noted that the Health and Safety Executive revisited the Depot on 12 October 2016 and did not raise any recommendations for improvement. This had been attributed to the hard work and commitment of the officers in the Depot who had gone above and beyond to ensure that all the necessary changes had been implemented. Work was continuing in looking at the culture and behavioural changes in the workplace and that there were still improvements that could be made.

- 4.1.11 It was reported that Health and safety was at the core of the Waste and Recycling Strategy and included actions such as reducing manual handling, etc. It was noted however that there had been 6 staff dismissals because of infringements. This illustrated the seriousness of how any Health and Safety issues were managed and addressed.
- 4.1.12 It was noted that one of the problems that waste collection staff encounter whilst on their rounds is the actions of the public, such as cars overtaking refuse wagons into oncoming traffic. Risk assessments on routes are being carried out and rounds are being redesigned to minimise some of these potential dangers and to eliminate issues such as dangerous reversing operations. There is also a project due to start in 2017 to implement a live mapping system in the vehicle's cabins, using satellite navigation technology. Route risk assessments can be pre-programmed into these units to alert drivers of potential threats to safety, such as reversing operations near a school.
- 4.1.13 Apart from having a dedicated resource for Health and Safety, one of the duties of one of the Managers at the Depot was specifically Health and Safety Management and staff training.
- 4.1.14 Regular meetings were held every 6 weeks and also a quarterly corporate meeting which was chaired by the Executive Director, Mick Jewitt, and dealt with at each 1 to 1 with the Director. The action plan was regularly monitored and updated at these meetings to ensure that actions were being implemented.
- 4.1.15 With regard to the Leisure and Communities Health and Safety Action Plan, it was reiterated how important Health and Safety was in the Leisure Centres and that the approach to Health and Safety was based on policy and enshrined in all practices that are undertaken. It was also noted that there were service specific systems in place regarding Managing Health and Safety at Hambleton's Leisure Centres.
- 4.1.16 The Committee acknowledged that the updated Leisure and Communities Action Plan was monitored and updated at the regular meetings that were held and again at the quarterly Corporate meeting.
- 4.1.17 The Committee acknowledged that there was a risk management process involved in prioritising risks in the action plans. At the quarterly meetings new risks may be identified and existing priorities were reviewed and revised if necessary.
- 4.1.18 The Committee suggested that the quarterly reports that were considered by the Health and Safety Group should include progress on previous data. This would be useful so that progression could be monitored. It was acknowledged that the Corporate Health and Safety team had this information however service specific reports were not provided to Scrutiny. The issue of how to keep Members informed needed to be reviewed corporately.

# 5.0 **CONCLUSIONS**:

- 5.1 The Committee concluded from the evidence that the current arrangements for Health and Safety Management were effective and fit for purpose.
- 5.2 The Committee was satisfied that any significant Health and Safety issues that were unresolved had been adequately dealt with.
- 5.3 The Committee reviewed the Corporate Health and Safety Policy and Health and Safety Plan for 2016-17 and was satisfied that the regular monitoring and updating of these documents ensured that they remained effective and fit for purpose.

# 6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

# 6.1 To recommend to Cabinet that:-

- (1) the secondment agreement with North Yorkshire County Council to assist in providing a specialist and competent Health and Safety advice for the Council is effective and fit for purpose;
- (2) the current arrangements for implementing and monitoring Health and Safety Management within the Council are satisfactory;
- (3) consideration be given to the inclusion of previous data within the service specific Health and Safety Action Plans to assist in monitoring progress; and
- (4) consideration be given to providing feedback to Members on the progress of service specific Health and Safety Plans as this is not currently provided to Scrutiny Committee.

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