

HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT

April 2019 to end March 2020

1. **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This annual report sets out the Council's occupational health and safety performance during the year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. It provides a summary of the effectiveness and success of the health and safety control measures the Council has in place with evidence showing training delivered, progress towards meeting health and safety aims and objectives and the number of accidents recorded.

2. KEY ACTIVITIES

2.1 **Policy Review**

| Policy subject | Action |
|---|--|
| Driving Policy | updated July 2019 to reflect the changes in how we check driving documentation (licences/MOT) |
| H&S policy statement | updated July 2019 change of Chief Executive |
| H&S Management Framework | updated July 2019 to ensure it reflected current practices and to change to the new Plan, Do, Check, Act |
| Corporate Warning Register procedure | June 2019 – updated to ensure full compliance with GDPR |
| Bomb threat Policy | Feb 2020 updated to include current practices |
| Emotional Wellbeing and Stress Management | January 2020 reviewed to include additional controls in place e.g. mental health first aiders |
| COVID-19 | Guidance and procedural documents March 2020 |

2.2 **Table of Staff Training**

| Course Subject | Number of Staff attended | % of those requiring training who have been trained |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Health and safety Induction | 36 | 95% |
| Emergency First Aid | 5 | 100% |
| Personal Safety | 14 | |
| Occupational Road Risk Training | 20 | |
| Postal Security Training | 11 | 100% |

| Mental health awareness for managers | 38 | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----|
| Fire safety Training e-learning | 28* (192) | 91% |
| Display Screen Equipment e-learning | 12* (76) | 34% |
| Legionella awareness e-learning | 1* (35) | 88% |
| Asbestos awareness e-learning | 3* (36) | 90% |
| Manual handling e-learning | 39* (213) | 96% |
| Working at Height e-learning | 33* (34) | 94% |

^{*} this figure shows the number trained in this 12 month period, the figure in brackets shows the cumulative total within the last three years.

2.3 Meetings of Health and Safety Groups

| Meeting | Frequency of meetings | attendees |
|--|--|---|
| Corporate Health and Safety Group | Six monthly | Executive Management Team |
| Employee Health and Safety Group | six monthly 11 April 2019 9 October 2019 | Executive Manager Neighbourhoods, Health and Safety Advisor, 8 work place representatives |
| Legionella, Asbestos and Tree Management Group | twice yearly 9 May 2019 26 Nov 2019 | Executive Manager Neighbourhoods Relevant managers Health and Safety Advisor |
| Depot | monthly team meetings | all collection teams |

2.4 Occupational Health

| | Attendance numbers Apr 19 | Comment |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| | to end March 20 | |
| Pre-employment medicals | 33 | All potential new employees are assessed through a pre- employment questionnaire at the time of job offer and prior to commencing their role with the Council |
| HGV Medical | 3 | Medical assessments as required for HGV drivers |
| Audiology tests | 24 | Health surveillance hearing tests for employees who are exposed to noise at work |
| Flu injections | | November 2018 |

2.5 Workplace Health

- Alcohol awareness week
- Organised walk around Bale of Belvoir
- Menopause Awareness month
- NHS Health checks
- Macmillan coffee morning
- Time to Talk
- Baby loss week

3. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING HEALTH AND SAFETY GOALS

| H&S Goal | Target date | Action to date | Target met? | Revised date |
|---|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| Audit Recycling2Go service including new Eastcroft Depot location | end March 2020 | Health and safety audit at the Eastcroft site was completed w/c 9 March 2020. | Yes 100% | |
| Audit Community Facilities buildings | end Sept 2019 | Audits of all Facilities sites took place 12 and 21 November 2019 | Target date not met due to holidays of key staff and shift patterns | Action achieved by end November 2019 |
| Submission for Gold Award in Workplace Health | end July 2019 | The Gold portfolio was submitted end July. | Complete | Gold award was not successful due to the change in requirements. Discussing options with completing old standard or working to new standard. |
| Centralise electronic storage of risk assessments | end August 2019 | The Councils performance management system, Pentana, is now being used to store the risk assessments. | Complete | |
| Chase none completions of mandatory H&S elearning courses | end August 2019 | Regular reminders are now being sent to staff and their managers, this will | Complete | Ongoing task |

| as recommended by RSM Audit | | be an ongoing process | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|----------|--|
| Support Streetwise Environmental on move to Bingham | In line with Bingham move timescale | Action given to support a number of H&S issues including fire and legionella management | Complete | |

4. PERFORMANCE

4.1 Accident report forms completed

| Establishment figure head count | 2011 /12 370 | 2012 /13 358 | 2013 /14 340 | 2014 /15 338- 303* | 2015 /16 291 | 2016 /17 285 | 2017 /18 275 | 2018 /19 266 | 2019 /20 257 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Depot | 38 | 45 | 34 | 19 | 24 | 18 | 15 | 10 | 10 |
| Arena (Civic) | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Community Contact Centre | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Community Facilities | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Total | 47 | 56 | 42 | 25 | 28 | 22 | 19 | 17 | 12 |
| Incidence rate | 127 | 156 | 123 | 73 | 96 | 77 | 69 | 64 | 47 |

^{*}The establishment figure dropped from 338 to 303 from 1st September with the move of Streetwise.

4.2 Accident Report Forms by type

| | 2011 /12 | 201 2/13 | 2013 /14 | 2014 /15 | 2015 /16 | 2016 /17 | 2017 /18 | 2018 /19 | 2019 /20 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Struck by Moving Object | 16 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Strike against fixed object | 7 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Slip / Trip / Fall | 12 | 26 | 9 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 4 |
| Manual Handling | 8 | 6 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Animal attack (e.g. dog) | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Other | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| (Shock/Cont act with liquids) | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Total | 47 | 56 | 42 | 25 | 28 | 22 | 19 | 17 | 12 |

4.3 The number of employee days lost due to accidents

| | 2011/ 12 | 2012/ 13 | 2013/ 14 | 2014/ 15 | 2015/ 16 | 2016/ 17 | 2017/ 18 | 2018/ 19 | 2019/ |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Number of days lost | 36 | 166 | 38 | 102 | 262.5 | 77 | 161 | 99 | 39 |

4.4 The following table shows the incident and injury type for those accidents which resulted in time lost.

| Incident | Injury type | Location | Time lost in days |
|------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Type | | | |
| Slip, trip, fall | Sprain ankle | R2Go | 27 |
| Manual | Strain back | R2Go | 10 |
| handling | | | |
| Truck by | Irritation to eye | R2Go | 2 |
| moving | | | |
| object | | | |
| Total | | | 39 |

4.5 The number of RIDDOR injuries, illnesses and dangerous occurrences involving Council employees

| 2019 – 2020 | 2 RIDDOR reports |
|-------------|------------------|
| 2018 – 2019 | 3 RIDDOR reports |
| 2017 – 2018 | 3 RIDDOR reports |
| 2016 – 2017 | 4 RIDDOR reports |
| 2015 – 2016 | 7 RIDDOR reports |
| 2014 – 2015 | 3 RIDDOR reports |

4.6 Accidents to the public

| | 2011/ | 2012/ | 2013/ | 2014/ | 2015/ | 2016/ | 2017/ | 2018/ | 2019/ |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Member | 14 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 25 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 16 |
| of Public | | | | | | | | | |
| Contractor | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

5. LEISURE CENTRE FACILITY FIGURES

- 345 accidents to members of the public in this 12 month period
- This compares to 394 for 2018/19 and 322 for 2017/18
- This equates to 0.26 accidents per 1000 visitors, compared to 0.27 for the previous year.

6. CONCLUSION AND NEW OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 The information reported in relation to the management of health and safety indicates that figures for number of accidents, has decreased significantly again this year
- 6.2The figure for days absent from work as a result of an accident whilst at work has also decreased significantly compared to the previous year, and is at its lowest for the last five years. However this figure does fluctuate greatly from year to year. Within this 12 month period, only 3 of the accidents resulted in time off from work. As always, employees are encouraged to return to work and this can be helped by the use of the fit note process by the GP which allows employees to return to work earlier on phased return and/or with adaptations to duties.
- 6.3 All of the health and safety objectives set at the beginning of the financial year have been met.
- 6.4In order to ensure continuing development in health and safety policies and practice the following objectives have been determined for the forthcoming year. These objectives have been identified by giving due regard to the issues highlighted in the report.
 - Monitor and review the effectiveness of COVID-secure measures across the Council
 - Review and update all health and safety policies that have not been reviewed in the last 3 years
 - Complete a health and safety audit Fountain Court
 - Deliver workplace health initiatives in line with Workplace Health Gold award

APPENDIX 1

Table of accident statistics for Leisure Centres 2019/20

| | Apr-19 | May- 19 | Jun- 19 | Jul-19 | Aug- 19 | Sep- 19 | Oct-19 | Nov- 19 | Dec- 19 | Jan-20 | Feb- 20 | Mar- 20 | RIDDOR | TOTAL YTD) | Staff | Total attendance figures YTD |
|---------------------|--------|------------|------------|--------|------------|------------|--------|------------|------------|--------|------------|------------|--------|---------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| East Leake LC | 9 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 59 | 0 | 208,650 |
| Rushcliffe Arena | 15 | 7 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 549685 |
| Bingham LC | 2 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 275456 |
| Cotgrave LC | 6 | 6 | 6 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 77 | 0 | 205121 |
| Keyworth LC | 7 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 106383 |
| TOTAL | 39 | 22 | 29 | 39 | 27 | 32 | 24 | 26 | 21 | 34 | 36 | 16 | 0 | 345 | 0 | 1,345,295 |