

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 7 JULY 2015

Title:

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Simon Thornton]

[Wards Affected: All]

Summary and purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the revised Health and Safety Policy that has been produced to enable the Council to fully meet its Health and Safety responsibilities.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

This report supports all the Council's Corporate Priorities including Value for Money.

Financial Implications:

There are significant financial costs associated with the on-going management of Health and Safety and budgets are already in place to underpin this work.

Legal Implications:

The main law governing health and safety at work in the United Kingdom is the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. This places general duties on the Council to do what is reasonably practicable to ensure the health and safety of its employees, contractors, visitors and service users. An up-to-date, legally compliant and comprehensive Health and Safety policy will support the Council in meeting its responsibilities under this legislation.

Background

1. This report updates the Council's Health and Safety Policy which was last refreshed in 2011. It reflects changes nationally in Health and Safety practice and regulation, as well as reflecting changes in organisational responsibilities that have occurred over that time.
2. This report builds on the work successfully completed last year to refresh the Council's Asbestos Policy.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Executive approves the new Health and Safety Policy.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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