

REPORT TO: Corporate Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 2 June 2015

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director Policy and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Resources

SUBJECT: Corporate Accident/Incident Report
1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015

WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform members of the performance of health and safety management within the Authority from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The annual report on the performance of health and safety management within the authority for the previous year is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3.2 It highlights national and local health and safety information, together with performance gaps and incident trends. Those performance gaps and incident trends then form the basis for the "Recommended Actions" for 2015/16.

3.3 In summary, the report highlights that there have been year by year increases in the number of risk assessments undertaken and health and safety training courses attended. This is encouraging as they play a major role in ensuring safe practices are adopted and adhered to.

3.4 In particular, the report highlights a decrease in the number of significant accidents and violent incidents and shows that the number of days lost as a result of accidents has reduced from 373 last year to 177 this year. Again, another positive trend.

3.5 These results show that being proactive in creating a safer working environment has seen a reduction in incidents and serious injuries.

3.6 However, the number of stress risk assessments undertaken has been very low which, in the current climate, needs addressing and the numbers using the lone working system has not increased.

3.7 Actions are being taken in relation to both these issues, which hopefully will result in improved usage throughout the forthcoming year. This will be monitored by Management Team, along with the Trade Unions.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The management of health and safety for employees and others affected by the Council's actions is a legal responsibility required by the Health and Safety Act 1974. Therefore it has implications for all the Council's priorities.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

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6.4 A Safer Halton

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6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Accidents which lead to lost time have financial implications for the authority, although, these are always secondary to the Council's concern for the wellbeing of its staff and customers.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 There are no direct equality and diversity issues arising from this report.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.