

CABINET

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REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ASBESTOS AND FINANCE

APPROVAL OF UPDATED ASBESTOS & LEGIONELLA POLICIES

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Not exempt

PURPOSE

The report seeks approval for updates to the Council's Asbestos & Legionella policy documents. These policies have been amended to reflect changes in legislation and also to reflect changes to the organisation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet:-

Notes and approves the updated

- Asbestos Policy
- Legionella Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council is obliged to comply with the regulations relating to the control and management of Asbestos and Legionella. These regulations require that the Council has formally adopted policies and procedures setting out its approach to managing the risks associated with both Asbestos and Legionella.

The Council currently has policies in place these are backed up by an inspection, testing and management regime that keep the Council compliant. As with most regulatory policies there is an obligation to review and update to reflect any changes in regulations and/or changes within the organisation.

The Assets Team in consultation with the Council's external compliance contractor [Grahams] have reviewed the currently policy documents and have made some amendments to reflect changes to legislation, regulations and good practice; the amendments also pick up the organisational changes that have taken place since the policies were last reviewed.

These policies along with the work being done on the ground will ensure that the Council remains compliant.

There are two separate policies covering both Asbestos and Legionella as these are covered under separate regulations.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

No other options have been considered. The Council is required to have up to date policies in relation to the regulations covering Asbestos and Legionella.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional resource implications directly associated with the changes to and approval of these amended policy documents. Resources have been in place for several years to ensure that the requirements of these policies and the regulations to which they relate are being met.

LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND

The Council has a legal obligation to have policies in place in relation to asbestos and legionella. There is an obligation to review these policies and where reviews result in amendments the amended policy documents should be formally approved and adopted through Cabinet.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

There are no equalities implications related to the adoption of these amended policy documents.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific sustainability implications related to the adoption of these amended policy documents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Council currently has Asbestos and Legionella policies in place; sitting behind these is a programme of training, inspection testing, monitoring and recording.

There is a requirement to review and amend these policy documents to reflect any changes in legislation and/or to the Council.

These policies have been reviewed by our external compliance contractor [Grahams] and have been amended to reflect changes in legislation and also to reflect that there have been structure changes within the organisation.

The current policy documents have kept the Council compliant with current regulations, these amended documents will ensure that the Council remains compliant going forward.

The policy documents will be reviewed and amended on an ongoing basis with future amendments being presented to Cabinet for approval as and when required.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

APPENDICES

Updated Asbestos Policy

Updated Legionella Policy