

REPORT TO: Corporate Services Policy and Performance Board
DATE: 2 November 2010
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director - Resources
SUBJECT: Staff Accident / Violent Incident Statistics
WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To report on corporate accident statistics with associated trends for 1st April 2009 to 10th September 2010. The response includes benchmarking information from last year with other Local Authorities on accidents and costs.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 An update report on corporate annual accidents and violent incidents for the current financial year and benchmarking information on accidents and costs with other Authorities is appended.

The report highlights that there has been a continuous trend in the reduction of reported accidents, especially those resulting in 'major' injuries. Compared to the other Local Authorities in the benchmarking exercise, Halton provides the lowest cost health and safety service. Putting these two pieces of information together provides a very positive result for the Council.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The provision of a safe working environment and reduction in accidents is important in order to provide efficient and effective delivery of services (the sixth priority in the Corporate Plan).

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Accidents which lead to lost time have financial implications for the authority (although these are always secondary to our concern for the well being of staff and customers).

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 6.1 Nil.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 There are no particular risks attached to this report. Occupational and workplace risk assessments are used to reduce the likelihood of accidents.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 There are no direct implications for equality and diversity.

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

9.1 There are no relevant background documents.