

REPORT TO: Executive Board
DATE: 1 July 2010
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director - Resources
SUBJECT: Corporate Health and Safety Policy
WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To report on the revised corporate Health and Safety Policy for 2010.

2.0 RECOMMENDED

That Executive Board endorse the Policy and recommend its approval by Council.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 31 The corporate Health and Safety Policy is produced in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. It identifies the undertakings and arrangements in the provision of health and safety across the Authority. It has recently been amended to take account of role of the Corporate Services Policy and Performance Board in monitoring health and safety performance and reporting back to Executive Board members. It also takes account of the new Health and Safety Executive's Strategy, 'Being Part of the Solution' and as a result includes aims, objectives and outcomes for the Health and Safety meetings.
- 32 The Policy is appended as Appendix 1, and was considered by the Corporate Services Policy and Performance Board on 25 May 2010. The Policy and Performance Board have recommended that it be approved.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There is a legal requirement to manage health and safety in the workplace and the Policy sets out the necessary organisational arrangements.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Nil

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 A Healthy Halton

By implementing the requirements of the Corporate Health and Safety Policy it will assist to create a healthier working environment for all staff, service users and the public.

6.2 Halton's Urban Renewal

No implications.

6.3 Employment learning and skills in Halton

No implications.

6.4 Children and Young people in Halton

Safeguarding within education now incorporates health and safety issues for both pupils and staff. The Policies clearly identifies the roles of the Authority and Governors in the management of health and safety in schools.

6.5 A Safer Halton

By implementing the requirements of the Corporate Health and Safety Policy it will assist to create a safer neighbourhood environments and amenities for everyone.

6.6 Corporate effectiveness and business efficiency

By implementing the requirements of the Corporate Health and Safety Policy it will highlight the necessary undertakings and arrangements in compliance with health and safety legislation and at the same applying a 'common sense' approach to risk management.

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

There are no relevant background documents.