



COUNCIL
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ITEM 16

Report sponsor: Director of Public Protection
and Streetpride
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Health and Safety Enforcement Plan 2019/2020

Purpose

- 1.1 We live in a society where we expect to be safe at work, be able to shop at businesses which do not put a significant hazard to us, and to a range of facilities, for leisure and other purposes, which we can enjoy safely. The Health and Safety at Work Act etc. 1974 provides for this, but these standards can only be achieved, maintained and improved, through the work of the Health and Safety Executive (hereafter referred to as HSE) and Local Authorities, who enforce the provisions of the Act.
- 1.2 The council is required to approve the Health and Safety Enforcement Plan 2019/2020, under the statutory National Local Authority Enforcement Code.

Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To note the report (attached) and adopt the content of the plan and to recommend the adoption of the Health and Safety Enforcement Service Plan for the administrative year 2019/2020.

Reason(s)

- 3.1 The Health and Safety Enforcement Plan 2019/2020 meets the Council's statutory duties as an 'enforcing authority' under the Act, detailing our priorities, based on the National Code and our available resources.
- 3.2 In the last three years, we have continued to redesign the manner in which we deliver the Council's health and safety regulatory functions, to meet the Government's objective of reducing the health and safety burden on business. This approach is specified in the National Code, which local authorities must comply with.
- 3.3 The plan is written to meet all the requirements of the HSE National Local Authority Enforcement Code in terms of its content and format.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The Health and Safety Enforcement Plan 2019/2020 is consistent with last year's plan and is attached below.

Public/stakeholder engagement

5.1 N/A.

Other options

6.1 None. The Service Plan is a statutory requirement.

Financial and value for money issues

7.1 None arising from the report. Any increase in demand will be managed within current budget.

Legal implications

8.1 The Council has a statutory duty to enforce the aforementioned legislation

Other significant implications

- 9.1 The Council is required to carry out statutory functions in relation to health and safety. The annual plan sets out how the Council will fulfil its obligations under this legislation.
- 9.2 Failure to ensure that the council discharges its responsibilities can have serious consequences for the Council.
- 9.3 Should the Council not exercise its duties and provide a health and safety service there is the potential that both unsafe and unscrupulous activities would go unchecked and un-enforced, which may lead to an increase in sickness levels and serious accidents occurring to employees and residents, businesses within the city.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Background papers:	None
Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Health and Safety Law Enforcement Plan 2019/20