

15. Health and Safety Liaison Panel Update

Purpose of report

1. To provide the Policy and Resources Committee with an update on the activities and items of significance from the Service's Health and Safety Liaison Panel.
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Recommendation

The Chief Fire Officer recommends that the Committee notes the content of this report.

Introduction

2. The Health and Safety Liaison Panel (H&SLP) last met on 19 April 2012.

Significant Issues Discussed

3. A review of the previous quarter's Health and Safety performance was discussed in detail, followed by a review of the recent Health and Safety investigations. It was positive that both reporting levels and awareness of staff were good and that, in general, those injuries reported were mostly minor in nature.
4. The Health and Safety Working Group has programmed the training for the current year. Training will continue to focus on delivering risk critical training to those most at risk. Training levels were high across the Service and this is reflected in the levels of general awareness and the quality of Health and Safety management and reporting. The FBU were pleased to see the continued levels of investment in Health and Safety training, despite the current financial climate.
5. A further review and update of reported incidents of abuse to staff was held with no significant issues being identified. Training has been delivered to key staff in conflict resolution.
6. The Head of Asset Management gave an overview of how the management of contractors will be reviewed and how the Service should see an improvement in how this is dealt with.
7. Various operational matters were discussed relating to nationally raised risk critical issues and it was felt the Service has a robust system for examining the high priority issues and reacting quickly where appropriate. It was noted that the new method of delivery for the recently revised 'high rise' policy was particularly well received amongst operational staff and that this model should be considered for the delivery of other risk critical training.

Financial Considerations

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e paragraph no.
There are financial issues that require consideration	No	

Legal Considerations

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e paragraph no.
There are legal issues e.g. contractual and procurement, reputational issues that require consideration	No	

Additional Considerations

8. The table below sets out any additional issues arising from the proposals contained in this report and identifies the relevant paragraphs in the report where such issues are addressed.

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e paragraph no.
Resources (e.g. Assets, ICT, Human Resources, Training & Development, Sustainability).	No	
Strategic Policy Links (e.g. IRMP, Authority Plan, Equality & Diversity, Partnerships, Environmental Impact).	Yes	Entire Report
Risk Management / Health & Safety (e.g. risk management and control measures, risk register score).	Yes	Entire Report
Consultation with Representative Bodies	Yes	Part of H&SLP

Supporting Information

None

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