

Subject: Asbestos Policy / Legionella Policy

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Report to: Cabinet

Date: 19th September 2006

Report of:
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Portfolio Holder: Finance and Risk Management

Key Decision: Yes

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency "X" In
Relevant Box

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval of the Asbestos Policy and Legionella Policy

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report are linked to and support the following corporate priorities:

- *Finance and Risk Management – through putting in place policies and procedures to address identified risk exposures.*

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- By not adopting the Policies there may confusion about how the Council deals with Asbestos/ Legionella in its buildings .Clarity of information is required to reduce risks should asbestos/ Legionella become apparent in any of our buildings.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

4.1 It is in the Councils interest to adopt policies addressing risks around Asbestos and Legionella as they will provide clarity on the procedures to be followed by the Property Services team and our contractors should asbestos /Legionella be found and they provide clarity of roles and responsibilities in such situations.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 5.1 The adoption of the policies will ensure that any financial implications are mitigated.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

- 6.1 In order to ensure clarity of responsibilities the Council is required to adopt both an Asbestos and Legionella Policy.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- 7.1 The policies refer to training for all staff that are affected by these policies it is important that this is delivered. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services will ensure training is provided as required.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Asbestos Policy and Legionella Policies are required by the Council to reduce risks and provide clarity of responsibilities around dealing with Asbestos and Legionella.

9. RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approves the Asbestos and Legionella Policies a copy of which are attached at Appendix 1 and 2 together with the relevant Equalities impact assessments.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 10.1 Portfolio Holder

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No background papers