

# **STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **Resources Overview & Scrutiny Panel**

**17th November 2021**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Annual Health &amp; Safety Report 2020/2021</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>Councillor Sybil Ralphs MBE - Council Leader SMDC</b>
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<b>WARDS INVOLVED:</b>	<b>Non-specific</b>

### **Appendices Attached**

#### **Appendix A - Annual Health & Safety Report - 2020/2021**

#### **1. Reason for the Report**

- 1.1 The reason for this report is to consider the annual health and safety report as required by the Council's assurance framework.
- 1.2 It provides an overview of our health and safety arrangements and progress made and identifies key areas of focus to ensure the Council maintains its health and safety performance.
- 1.3 Failure to manage health and safety may have a detrimental impact and any incidents could lead to people suffering from serious (avoidable) ill health and injury.
- 1.4 Also, legal actions may be taken against the Council in the event of any such incidents. Legal actions can impose both financial and reputational risks to the Council.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Resources Overview & Scrutiny Panel notes the 2020/21 Annual Health and Safety Report.

#### **3. Executive Summary**

- 3.1 The Council and its strategic alliance partner High Peak Borough Council recognise their obligations under health and safety legislation and have declared their commitment to improving the health, safety, and welfare of their

employees, as detailed in the Corporate Health and Safety Policy, and accompanying policies.

- 3.2 The annual health and safety report as attached is to update councillors of the key aspects of health and safety which occurred across the two Councils during the period from April 2020 to March 2021. This annual report is the thirteenth such report for the two Councils making up the Strategic Alliance.
- 3.3 Over the last thirteen years a lot of effort has gone into strengthening the Council's position in relation to health and safety management. This has been a process of reviewing our policies and procedures ensuring that these remain relevant and up to date.
- 3.4 The detail of such actions are provided in the report. The annual report also provides, detail on training information, emerging risks and supporting statistical information as shown in the appendices.
- 3.5 The report also details the Council's commitment to safety during the pandemic and the measures taken to protect the health and safety of all those who could be affected

#### **4. How this report links to Corporate Priorities**

- 4.1 Operating safely is critical to all of the Council's services and functions. Good health and safety arrangements are fundamental to meeting all the 4 corporate aims.

#### **5. Alternative Options**

- 5.1 There are no options to consider.

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**Chief Executive**

**Web Links and**  
**Background Papers**

None

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