

Item: 14

Statutory General Meeting of the Council: 16 May 2022.

Elected Members' Health and Safety Responsibilities.

Report by Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.

1. Purpose of Report

To appoint an elected member with specific responsibility for health and safety.

2. Recommendations

The Council is invited to note:

2.1.

That, in October 2003, the Council resolved to appoint an elected member with specific responsibility for health and safety, with the appointment lasting for the term of office as councillor.

It is recommended:

2.2.

That a member be appointed with specific responsibility for health and safety.

3. Background

3.1.

In 2003, the Health and Safety Commission/Local Authority Forum published guidance to all UK Council leaders advising that elected members should have responsibility for health and safety within their local authority.

3.2.

In particular, it was suggested that an elected member with specific responsibility for health and safety be identified and that the elected member be suitably trained in aspects of health and safety.

4. Appointment of Member

4.1.

In October 2003, the Council resolved to appoint an elected member with specific responsibility for health and safety, with the appointment lasting for the term of office as councillor.

4.2.

For the period 2017 to 2022, Councillor David Dawson was appointed as the elected member with specific responsibility for health and safety.

4.3.

It is proposed that the Council appoint an elected member with specific responsibility for health and safety.

4.4.

The appointment made at this meeting will be for the period May 2022 to May 2027.

5. Corporate Governance

5.1.

This report relates to the Council complying with governance and procedural issues and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

5.2.

However, the appointment supports the Council value of Working to Provide Better Services, through performance management, by elected member involvement in the corporate health and safety responsibilities of the Council.

6. Financial Implications

Any costs associated with the provision of appropriate training to the elected member will be contained within existing health and safety revenue budgets.

7. Legal Aspects

The Council has a corporate responsibility to ensure compliance with its duties in terms of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and associated legislation.

8. Contact Officer

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