

BRECKLAND COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 4 JULY 2007

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS MANAGER - ENVIRONMENT
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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICE PLAN

Summary: The Occupational Health and Safety Service Plan for 2007/2008 is hereby submitted for Member approval and adoption.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Mandatory guidance issued by the Health and Safety Commission under Section 18 of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 requires each local authority to produce an annual Service Plan.
- 1.2 Occupational health and safety enforcement is a non-executive function..

2. KEY DECISION

- 2.1 This is not a key decision.

3. COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The matters raised in this report fall within the following Council priorities:
 - A safe and healthy environment
 - A prosperous place to live and work

4. MAIN BODY OF REPORT

- 4.1 The attached Occupational Health and Safety Service Plan for 2007/2008 is drawn up in accordance with guidance issued by the Health and Safety Commission. It is anticipated that the work detailed in the Service Plan will ensure compliance with the current legal standards.
- 4.2 The Service Plan is designed to make the most effective use of resources and have the maximum impact on occupational health and safety within Breckland's area.
- 4.3 The Service Plan will be accommodated within the resources of this year's budget.
- 4.4 The adoption of a Service Plan and the implementation of its principles are an important requirement of our Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA).
- 4.5 Section 4.0 of the 2007/2008 Service Plan summarises the Health and Safety Team's performance in 2006/2007.

5. OPTIONS AVAILABLE

- 5.1 The Committee may or may not resolve to approve the Plan.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 6.1 The recommendation is made to ensure that Breckland complies with the Health and Safety Commission's mandatory guidance.

7. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 7.1 Members are recommended to approve the attached Service Plan for adoption.

This report is fully compliant with the equal opportunities, Section 17, Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Human Rights Act 1998 and Section 40, Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

Appendices: Occupational Health and Safety Service Plan 2007/2008