

Report of the Executive Director

REVISION OF THE FIRE SAFETY MANAGEMENT POLICY1. Purpose of Report

To review the Council's Fire Safety Management Policy and procedures to minimise/eliminate the risks from the exposure of fire at work. This is in accordance with the Council's duty to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare at work of all employees and others.

2. Detail

The Council owns a number of properties such as offices, sheltered housing, leisure centres, museums, works depot etc. all of which contain a risk of fire from their activities. The Council has produced fire risk assessments, but needs an up to date written policy and procedure to support these buildings in terms of business continuity and employees and visitors with regards a risk to life. The revised policy was submitted to the Safety Committee on 16 October 2021 and approved.

The reviewed policy and procedures is attached at appendix 2. This document assists the Council to be in a position to comply with fire safety legislation thus ensuring that where a risk from fire exists, procedures are implemented and properly managed to minimise/eliminate that risk.

3. Legal Implications

The Council has a responsibility under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 and the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, which has replaced over one hundred different pieces of fire legislation, thus providing one document. In addition, the Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 has removed the requirement of the fire certificate in preference of a risk based approach thus placing the onus on the employer/owner and not the Fire and Rescue Service for fire safety.

4. Equality Impact Assessment

As this is a change to policy an equality impact assessment is included in appendix 1 of this report.

Recommendation

Policy and Performance Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the revised Fire Safety Management Policy be approved

Background Papers

Nil.