

Report of the Portfolio Holders for Resources and Personnel Policy and Economic Development and Asset Management

Fire Safety Policy

1. Purpose of Report

Cabinet is asked to consider the Fire Safety Policy and approve accordingly.

2. Recommendation

The Policy Overview Working Group RECOMMENDS to Cabinet that the Fire Safety Policy be approved.

3. Detail

The Fire Safety Policy has been updated to reflect the latest regulatory requirements and ensure that the internal processes comply with them. The revised policy aligns with all key legislation and supporting regulations.

Key stakeholders in Housing and Asset and Development have been consulted on the improvements to the original policy and are in support of the revisions.

The Health and Safety Committee met on 15 January 2025 to review and comment on the Fire Safety Policy. The comments have been reflected in this document.

4. Key Decision

This report is not a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

This report has been through pre-scrutiny or Policy Overview Working Group.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no additional financial implications for the Council to consider at this stage with business-as-usual activities continuing to be met from within existing resources. Any significant budget implications in the future, over and above virement limits, would require approval by Cabinet.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

The legal implications are set out at Section 5.0 of the Policy, failure to comply with the relevant legislative requirements could result in serious legal consequences for the Council.

8. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

The Union comments were as follows:

Not applicable

10. Climate Change Implications

Any Climate Change implications are contained within the report.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

As this is a change to policy an equality impact assessment is included in the **Appendix** to this report.

13. Background Papers

Nil.