

**HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY PANEL
FRIDAY, 9TH JULY, 2010**

Present:- Councillors Nightingale, R. S. Russell, Whelbourn and Wootton. and Mr. C. Booth (GMB), Mrs. S. D. Brook (NASUWT), Mrs. J. Adams (NUT), Mr. K. Moore (UNITE) and Mr. P. Waterworth (UNISON)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dodson, P. A. Russell and Swift and from Mr. J. W. Clay (ATL), Mrs. R. Asquith, Mrs. C. Maleham and Mr. P. Scholey (UNISON) and from Mr. M. Eyre (GMB).

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2010/ 2011

Agreed:- That Councillor R. S. Russell be re-appointed Chairman of the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel for the 2010-2011 Municipal Year.

(Councillor R. S. Russell in the Chair)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2010/ 2011

Agreed:- (1) That Mrs. S. Brook be appointed Vice-Chair of the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel for the 2010-2011 Municipal Year.

(2) That the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel place on record its appreciation of and thanks to Mr. K. Moore for his extensive service as Vice-Chair of this Panel.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23RD APRIL, 2010

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel, held on 23rd April, 2010, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

4. STATISTICS OF ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE TO EMPLOYEES

The Senior Health and Safety Officer presented the graphs and statistics which illustrated the following details:-

(a) Incident totals for Borough Council Employees - January 2008 to May 2010 – including a breakdown for Children and Young Peoples' Services, Neighbourhood and Adult Services, Economic and Development Services, Corporate (including RBT) and Finance;

(b) Violence to Borough Council employees - January 2008 to May 2010; and

(c) Incidents involving members of the public, pupils, work placements, schemes and other – January 2008 to May 2010.

Resolved:- That the statistical information be noted.

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY BULLETIN

Consideration was given to the Health and Safety Bulletin, containing recent articles and reports of legal cases relating to health and safety.

The following items were highlighted:-

- matters of interest from the Health and Safety Executive;
- myth of the month (securing vehicle loads; risk assessments);
- recent Court Cases.

Resolved:- That the Principal Health and Safety Officer distribute copies of the bulletin throughout the Authority and also publish the bulletin on the Council's Intranet web site.

6. HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY PANEL - OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND PROCEDURES

The Panel considered a report, presented by the Senior Health and Safety Officer, summarising issues dealt with by the Emergency and Safety Team since the last Panel meeting:-

- attendance at Manvers Lake (June 2010) because of a fatality;
- attendance at various schools in response to incidents;
- investigation of RIDDOR reportable accidents.

Resolved:- (1) That the information be noted.

(2) That it be noted that the Borough Council is undertaking a review of its health and safety policy in respect of areas of open water.

7. REPORTS ON VISITS OF INSPECTION HELD ON 18TH JUNE, 2010

Consideration was given to matters arising from the visits of inspection made by the Panel on Friday, 18th June, 2010.

The report included the responses provided by Service Areas to the various issues raised at the inspections.

Particular reference was made to:-

- (a) Dinnington Primary School – Health and Safety Officers would undertake a further visit of inspection to monitor progress with the health and safety issues reported at this School;
- (b) Wickersley Community Library – Health and Safety Officers would submit a report to the next meeting of the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel describing progress with the reported health and safety issues;
- (c) Clifton Park – Employee Welfare Facilities - Health and Safety Officers would undertake a further visit of inspection to monitor progress with the reported health and safety issues;
- (d) Recycling Site at Warren Vale, Rawmarsh - the Panel expressed appreciation of the efforts made by to maintain standards of health, welfare and safety on this recycling site;
- (e) Greenfields Warden Centre – a further visit of inspection would be arranged;
- (f) Rockingham Primary School – the Panel expressed appreciation of the efforts made by this School to maintain standards of health, welfare and safety on the school premises.