

**HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY PANEL  
FRIDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 2010**

Present:- Councillor R. S. Russell (in the Chair); Councillors Dodson, G. A. Russell, Swift, Whelbourn and Wootton; Ms. R. Asquith and Mr. P. Waterworth (UNISON), Mr. C. Booth (GMB), Mrs. S. D. Brook (NASUWT), Mr. J. W. Clay (ATL), Mrs. J. Adams (NUT) and Mr. K. Moore (UNITE)

Apologies for absence were received from:- Councillors P. A. Russell and Smith and from Mrs. C. Maleham and Mr. P. Scholey (UNISON).

**8. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9 JULY 2010**

Agreed:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel, held on 9th July, 2010, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

**9. 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 August 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 August 2010; and

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

Resolved:- That the statistical information be noted.

**10. 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 (making candy-floss; use of bunting);

- recent Court Cases.

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

**11. 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 various schools to examine maintenance work;
- attendance at various schools in response to incidents;
- incidents at Clifton Park (injury to child in play area) and at Ulley Country Park (gas leak);
- investigation of RIDDOR reportable accidents.

Resolved:- That the information be noted.

**12. REPORTS ON VISITS OF INSPECTION HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2010**

Consideration was given to matters arising from the visits of inspection made by the Panel on Friday, 24th September, 2010.

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

Particular reference was made to:-

(a) Aston Leisure Centre – no responses to the reported incidents, to date, from the Leisure Management Company;

(b) Treeton CE Primary School – Health and Safety Officers to make a further visit to this School to investigate the progress of the various reported items; important issue of adherence to COSHH Regulations on labelling of cleaning materials;

(c) Ulley Country Park – the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel agreed to make a visit of inspection to this Park during either March or June, 2011.