

**HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY PANEL
FRIDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 2012**

Present:- Councillor R. S. Russell (in the Chair); Councillors G. A. Russell, Swift and Whelbourn; Mrs. J. Adams (NUT) and Mrs. S. Brook (NASUWT).

Apologies for absence received from Councillors P. A. Russell, Sharman and Wootton; and from Mrs. R. Asquith and Mrs. C. Maleham (UNISON).

42. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY, 2012

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel, held on 13th July, 2012, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

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

The Principal Health and Safety Officer presented the statistics of reported accidents to Council employees during the period January to September 2012, with comparative statistics for the same period in 2011.

Resolved:- That the statistical information be noted.

44. 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 (electrical testing of office equipment);
- recent Court Cases, one incident involving the death of a construction worker who fell through a building roof.

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.

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

The Panel noted that the work of the Emergency and Safety Team has recently concentrated upon the public demonstrations which took place in the Rotherham town centre on Saturday 13th October, 2012.

46. REPORTS ON VISITS OF INSPECTION HELD ON 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2012

Consideration was given to matters arising from the visits of inspection made by the Panel on Friday, 21st September, 2012.

The report included the responses provided by Service Areas to the various issues raised at the inspections. Particular reference was made to:-

(a) Mowbray Gardens Community Library

The testing of the emergency lighting has still to be completed.

(b) Swinton Community Library

The lift in the building required maintenance.

(c) Swinton Brookfield Primary School

Improvements had been made to procedures in the school kitchen and the serving of meals to pupils. A further visit to this School will be made during 2013.

(d) Whiston Worrygoose Primary School

A further visit of inspection to this School is to be made by Health and Safety Officers.

(e) Sorrell Sykes Community Centre, Whiston

The necessary repairs to the boiler room door self-closing mechanism have now been completed.

(f) Godric Green Community Centre, Brinsworth

Reference was made to the security of the premises and the adjacent apartment accommodation.