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The Chair and Members of Employment and General Committee

15 July 2016

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the EMPLOYMENT AND GENERAL COMMITTEE to be held on MONDAY, 25 JULY 2016 at 4.00 pm in Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Rose Hill, Chesterfield, the agenda for which is set out below.

AGENDA

Part 1(Public Information)

- Declarations of Members' and Officers' Interests relating to Items on the Agenda
- 2. Apologies for Absence
- 3. Minutes (Pages 3 4)
- 4. Local Government Act 1972 Exclusion of Public

To move "That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act".

- 5. Pavements Staffing Review (Pages 5 50)
- 6. Local Government Act 1972 Re-admission of the Public

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To move that after the consideration of an item containing exempt information that the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

7. Minutes of the Council Joint Consultative Committee (Pages 51 - 54)

To receive the Minutes of the Council Joint Consultative Committee on 21 January, 2016.

8. Minutes of the Council Health and Safety Committee (Pages 55 - 78)

To receive the Minutes of the Council Health and Safety Committee meetings held on 21 January, 2016 and 28 April, 2016 and the Improvement Programme Report from the meeting held on 28 April, 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Local Government and Regulatory Law Manager and Monitoring Officer

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EMPLOYMENT AND GENERAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 29th March, 2016

Present:-

Councillor Elliott (Chair)

Councillors Simmons Councillors J Innes
Blank Dickinson

24 <u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS</u> <u>RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</u>

No declarations of interest were received.

25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

26 MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 25 January, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

27 POLICY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVING WAGE

The HR Manager submitted a report seeking approval for the payment of the current voluntary national living wage amount of £8.25 per hour to all council staff on Green Book terms and conditions.

The report explained that to receive accreditation from The Living Wage Foundation, authorities would have a reduced control over pay budgets due to the living wage being set independently each year by an external source. By paying a voluntary living wage authorities could still pay a living wage supplement but they would retain budgetary control. From

^{*}Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

April 2016, it had been announced that there would be a national living wage; this had been factored into the voluntary living wage proposals.

The report outlined the employees who would benefit from the proposals and how the allowance would be received. All staff on NJC Green Book terms and conditions who received a basic hourly rate of pay of less than £8.25 would receive an additional allowance for the living wage that would bring their basic pay to that level. The living wage would not apply to craft workers as the bonuses they receive would take their hourly pay above the threshold. The allowance would only be awarded on basic pay and overtime payments would continue to be paid at the current rate of pay without the additional allowance.

The allowance would be awarded from April to April each year and would be reviewed annually. The allowance could be withdrawn at any point if budget dictated.

The proposals had been discussed with the trade unions who had given their support with the condition that an option was explored to address the differentials in the rates of pay for chargehands and cleaners.

*RESOLVED -

- 1. That the payment of the voluntary living wage be approved for 2016/17.
- 2. That the differentials in the rates of pay for chargehands and cleaners be addressed immediately.

Agenda Item 5

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Representing Employees

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COUNCIL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, 21st January, 2016

Present:-

Councillor Huckle (Chair)

Councillors	Innes	A Fowler	UNISON
	Slack	P Longley	UNISON
K Harley	Human Resources	P Mallender	UCATT
M Rich	Executive Director	M Slack	UNISON
D I	D		

R Lenthall Democratic Services

11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Representing the Council

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Caulfield, Councillor Niblock, Councillor Wall, Carl Hayes and Dean Clarke.

12 **REVIEW OF POLICIES**

MANAGING ATTENDANCE POLICY

Kate Harley presented a report on the revised Managing Attendance Policy. The Managing Attendance Policy was given a high priority rating in the programme of policy reviews devised by the Policy Working Group.

The Managing Attendance policy had been completely rewritten with the main changes including the introduction of the Fit for Work service, more formalised contact arrangements, new trigger points for action to be taken and standard letters for issue. A copy of the revised policy and the equalities impact assessment was included with the report.

In addition, it was noted that training courses would be provided for managers to support the implementation of the revised policy and ensure it was implemented consistently across the council.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That point 38 of the policy be amended to include clarification on the Fit Note.
- (2) That point 86 of the policy be amended to provide further clarification on the process to Stage 3 and to include further emphasis on supporting the employee back into work.
- (3) That, subject to the amendments, the revised Managing Attendance Policy be approved for referral to the Employment and General Committee.

CAPABILITY POLICY

Kate Harley presented a report on the revised Capability Policy. The Capability Policy was given a high priority rating in the programme of policy reviews devised by the Policy Working Group.

The Capability Policy previously existed as part of the Disciplinary Policy. There was a need for a stand-alone policy therefore the new Capability Policy was created to provide clearer procedures for managers and employees to follow. A copy of the revised policy and the equality impact assessment was attached to the report.

RESOLVED -

That the revised Confidential Reporting Policy be approved for referral to the Employment and General Committee.

MANAGING WORKPLACE STRESS POLICY

Kate Harley presented a report on the revised Managing Workplace Stress Policy. The Council Health and Safety Committee had highlighted that the policy needed revision.

The main revisions to the policy included the addition of guidelines on the completion of the stress risk assessments and subsequent action plan. A copy of the revised policy and the equality impact assessment was attached to the report.

RESOLVED -

That the revised Managing Workplace Stress Policy be approved for referral to the Employment and General Committee.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL MISUSE POLICY

Kate Harley presented a report on the revised Drug and Alcohol Misuse Policy. Concerns had been raised by the Transport Group around litigation in the case of traffic accidents therefore it was decided that the Drug and Alcohol Misuse policy needed revision.

The main revision to the policy was the inclusion of a testing facility where there is concern that drug or alcohol misuse exists. A copy of the revised policy and the equality impact assessment was attached to the report.

RESOLVED -

That the revised Drug and Alcohol Misuse Policy be approved for referral to the Employment and General Committee.



COUNCIL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 21st January, 2016

Present:-

Andy Fowler (UNISON) (Chair)

Cllr S. Blank K. Harley (Human Resources) M. Bollands (Housing OSD) C. Hayes (UNISON) K. Brown (Business Cllr J. Innes M. Jasinski (Corporate Health Transformation) C. Bromhall (Environmental and Safety) D. Johnson (Corporate Health Health) T. Bryan (UNISON) and Safety) Cllr R. Catt P. Longley (UNISON) I. Clay (Health and Safety Officer, Cllr A. Slack B. Wainwright (Culture and Visitor **Housing Services**) J. Drury (Executive Director) Services) A. Dunn (Bereavement Services) E. Williams (Development and A. Gilbert (Kier) Growth)

Min. No.	Item Decision/Action	By Whom
17	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Councillor S Niblock, Councillor M Wall, N Johnson, D Clarke and M Blythe.	
18	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 OCTOBER, 2015	
	Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 October, 2015 approved as correct record with amendment requested by Andy Fowler on Minute 15 to make it clear that the lack of consultation had breached the constitution.	

19	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE	
	PREVIOUS MEETING	
	There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.	
20	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY	
20	IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME	
	Corporate Health and Safety Improvement	
	Programme 2015-18	
	Performance considered against the 14 key targets in the	
	Improvement Programme at the end of the third quarter	
	of the 2015/16 year (to December 2015) as detailed in	
	the report, with particular emphasis to be given to:	
	Training programme on torget to engure all relevant	ALL
	 Training programme on target to ensure all relevant employees have received appropriate training by 	ALL
	the end of 2015/16.	
	 Services managers need to work to improve targets 	SERVICE
	in accident performance, barriers to safety and	MANAGERS
	supervision.Corporate employee survey of amended questions	
	to be undertaken during 2016/17 to gauge if the	KB
	required improvements have been made.	
	 Further action needed to reduce amount of non- 	A 1 1
	fatal injury accidents due to slips, trips and falls and	ALL
	manual handling.A substantial increase in days lost due to stress	
	related ill health that could be directly attributed to	HR
	disciplinary and performance management	
	investigations.	
	Importance of service managers looking at accident bistory to answer recommendations are put into	ALL
	history to ensure recommendations are put into practice and the need for incident reports to be	
	completed properly.	
	Housing – Operational Services Division	
	The Operational Services Manager submitted a report on	

the progress of health and safety management highlighting:

- Safety inspections and site visits on a regular basis for OSD operatives and contractors.
- All generic risk assessments, method statements and some asbestos information now loaded onto 70 PDA tablets.
- Staff received training on asbestos, managing safety, DSE awareness and all Technical Staff have attended managing contractors training.
- OSD purchased a Monkey Tower working height platform to reduce the amount of scaffolding needed on minor works.

M.BOLLAN DS/IC

Cllr J Innes thanked the Operational Services Manager and Health and Safety Officer for the report and noted that it demonstrated officers working together well.

Sport and Leisure

A progress report was submitted by the Sports and Leisure Manager on health and safety management highlighting:

- Regular site specific and task related training provided, records are maintained to ensure requalification is done.
- Risk Assessments and Manual Handling controls in place and effectively communicated – the service transferred from the old to new QPSC without incident.
- Equipment for the new QPSC included automation and wheel fixings to support ease of handling and manoeuvrability and the design of the centre had significantly improved and coordinated storage arrangements.
- Staff involvement in the Active Workplace Challenge and County Healthy Workplace.

M.BLYTHE

Environmental Health

	 The Senior Environmental Health Officer provided a progress report on health and safety management highlighting: Staff issued with laptops to allow agile working, DSE assessments completed and lone working procedures in place. Environmental Health team moved to OSD office, work to be carried out to ensure staff adhere to new rules. Staff concerns about communication were addressed in two service briefings that informed staff of the corporate challenges. 	
	 Attendance very good at present, Occupational Health referrals were made and support given for non-work related staff absences to ensure staff return and phased returns were agreed. Managing Conflict Training arranged by Environmental Health following EPDs, this was also offered to other departments. 	СВ
	Development and Growth	
	A progress report was submitted by the Development and Growth Manager on health and safety management highlighting:	
	 Focus given to Team Managers to improve regular health and safety briefings and communication with staff about health and safety issues. Project managers ensure that contractors are operating to health and safety legislation and 	
	guidelines.	NJ
21	STRESS POLICY	
	The HR Manager presented the updated Managing Workplace Stress Policy, scheduled to go to Council Joint Consultative Committee on 21 January, 2016 and Employment and General on 25 January, 2016.	HR

	It was noted that managers were to receive training on the stress policy including completing risk assessments and creating action plans. In addition, UNISON are working with HR to create a free training program on stress which would be available to all Officers and Members.	HR/UNISON
22	THEMED WORKSHOP - TO BE CONFIRMED	
	Martyn Bollands, Operational Services Manager, Ian Clay, Health and Safety Officer at OSD, and Andy Fowler, UNISON, presented a workshop on Contractor Management. Key areas covered by the presentation were:	
	 Procedures for Framework Companies and Ad-Hoc Companies What the council is required to do, e.g. produce a clear specification, highlight hazards. What is required from the contractor, e.g. risk assessments, qualifications. The checks needed during the contract period e.g. site visits. 	
	Information and procedure guides are available in the Health and Safety folder on the P drive.	M.BOLLAN DS/IC/AF
	The committee thanked Ian, Martyn and Andy for the workshop.	
	The workshops scheduled for the next meetings are:	ALL
	Accident/Injury Reporting – April 2016 Health (Stress, etc.) – July 2016 Review of Consultation Arrangements – October 2016	



COUNCIL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 28th April, 2016

Present:-

James Drury (Chair)

P. Bartle (Housing) Cllr. S. Blank T. Bryan (Unison)

M. Bollands (Housing OSD)
I. Clay (Housing OSD)

A. Craig (Housing OSD)

T. Devereux (Unison)

A. Dunn (Environmental Services)

A. Fowler (Unison)

K. Harley (Human Resources)

C. Hayes (Unison)

M. Jasinski (Corporate Health and

Safety)

P. Longley (Unison)

A. Radford (Cultural and Visitor

Services)

B. Tomlinson (Environmental

Services) Cllr. M. Wall

Min.	Item	By Whom
No.	Decision/Action	by Whom
23	Apologies for absence we're received from Counciller Boy Catt	
	Apologies for absence we're received from Councillor Ray Catt, Councillor Jean Innes, Phil Mallender, Councillor Shirley Niblock, Councillor Andy Slack, Maria Slack and Robert Wilkes.	
24	FORMAT OF MEETING	
	The Chair briefed the committee on the changes to be made to the format of the meetings in order to address concerns; the changes had been discussed at meetings of the Joint Chairs and included:	
	 Service Manager's reports to show a more realistic picture of Health and Safety in their service area. Report authors to refrain from presenting their reports to the 	
	committee in detail and only pick out key notable issues or achievements.	
	 The need for the committee to contribute towards making a difference on the ground through supporting tough action and being more pro-active. 	
	 To focus more on the health of employees, e.g. stress, injury. 	
	The Elected Members, Employee Representatives and Officers supported the changes.	

25	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY, 2016 Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 January, 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Joint Chairs. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
	Minute no. 20, Andy Fowler noted that he had not been invited to a meeting of the Asbestos Management Steering Group. It was confirmed that he would be invited to the next meeting and an additional pre-meet would be arranged.	A. CRAIG
27	 WORKSHOP UPDATE Ian Clay provided an update on the Contractor Management workshop. The following points were discussed: The Committee raised concerns that contractors were not being inputted onto the Contractor Performance Register. Kier may be using their own contractor system but it was not being monitored by CBC, putting all contractors on to a shared register would be looked into. Employees needed to be spotting contractors out on the job and checking if they are on the register. A simple way of pulling all the contractor data together into a central database would be investigated to solve the ongoing issues with having separate systems. An urgent meeting would be arranged with the people who administer the different databases. A Health and Safety representative from Kier and Arvato needed to attend the CH&SC meetings. 	ALL MJ/KIER ALL MJ MJ KIER/ ARVATO
28	 THEMED WORKSHOP Marc Jasinski, Corporate Health and Safety Adviser, presented a workshop on Incident Reporting and Investigation Procedures. A video and three short clips were shown to highlight the importance of following safety procedures. Some of the key points raised were: The importance of ensuring that toolbox talks are carried out. Raising employees' awareness of risk assessments and making sure they are read before carrying out the tasks. All incidents should be fully investigated at an early stage 	SERVICE MANAGERS

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	 with the incident being reported to the correct person. The need for a firm directive where there is a requirement for safety equipment to be used/worn. More training required on risk assessments, incident reporting and investigating – to be looked at with the possibility of creating mandatory training. 	ALL SERVICE MANAGERS ALL/MJ				
29	OCCUDATIONAL HEALTH AND CAFETY IMPROVEMENT					
23	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME					
	INCOMMINIE					
	Corporate Health and Safety Improvement Programme 2015-					
	18					
						
	Performance was considered against the 14 key targets in the Improvement Programme at the end of the fourth quarter of the 2015/16 year as detailed in the report, with particular emphasis given to:					
	 Training package on new contractor management 	ALL				
	procedures completed by the majority of Council officers.					
	3 year corporate Health and Safety audit programme being	KB				
	prepared, the first audit to commence by the end of May 16.					
	 The 2014/15 Health and Safety Opinion survey had 	ALL				
	identified three key areas needing improvement: accident					
	performance, barriers to safety and supervision.					
	 Slip, trip and fall risks and manual handling risks continue to 	ALL				
	be the biggest cause of non-fatal injury accidents; further	ALL				
	action was needed to reduce such incidents. The figure for accidents being reported had reduced but not	ALL/OHSIG				
	The figure for accidents being reported had reduced but not as much as anticipated – OHSIG may re-look at the target.					
	 as much as anticipated – OHSIG may re-look at the target. The biggest causes of work related absences continued to 					
	be mental health and musculoskeletal issues; these	ALL				
	remained as two areas for immediate action.					
	The Unions felt that some of the targets that had not been met					
	were represented inaccurately in the report and could be seen as					
	misleading.					
	Hausing Business Blanning and Strategy and Contagne					
	Housing – Business Planning and Strategy and Customer Services Division					
	OCI VICES DIVISION					
	The Housing Manager submitted a report on the progress of health					
	and safety management highlighting:					
	 Fobs using the Skyguard tracking system had been 					
	introduced from 1 st April for all Neighbourhoods staff					
	involved in remote working.					
	Annual Review/Audit of Legionella had taken place and					

	identified a number of updates that were needed including a new regime for Sheltered Schemes, updates to roles and responsibilities to reflect current staffing structures and refresher training. • Ongoing improvements made to Asbestos Management with work continuing with Savills to formulate a suitable Asbestos Management Policy. Environmental Services The Bereavement Services Manager submitted a report on the progress of health and safety management highlighting:	A. CRAIG				
	 Health and Safety Workshops for all Managers and Supervisors were completed in March 2016. Workshops had been developed to be rolled out to chargehands, then all staff, to cover (job specific) training needs analysis and using the SHE system. Local arrangements had been updated and unions had been actively involved in the discussion stages, a review meeting with the unions was scheduled for May 2016. Cultural and Visitor Services	A. DUNN				
	The Arts and Venues Manager submitted a report on the progress of health and safety management highlighting:					
	 Counter terrorism security plans had been introduced at the Venues and improvements made to internal procedures, building security and staff training. CCTV had been installed at the Visitor Information Centre. Work had been carried out to remedy the risks identified by the Fire Risk Assessment in August 2015 in the Multi-Storey Car Parks, a joint safety inspection in January 2016 found only minor operational improvements were needed. 	A. RADFORD				
30	TOPIC FOR NEXT MEETING'S THEMED WORKSHOP					
	The topic for the workshop at the next meeting will be Occupational Health and Stress Management.					
31	DATE OF NEXT MEETING					
	The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 27 th July, 2016.					

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

2015 - 2018

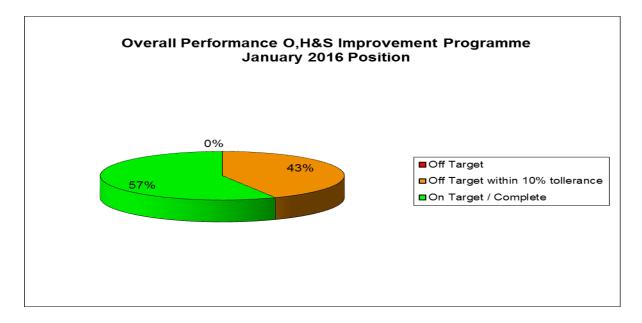
PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR END OF YEAR 2015/16

1.0 **Background**

- 1.1 The Occupational Health & Safety Improvement Programme 2015-2018 was launched in April 2015 and it focuses improvements around 4 key themes:-
 - Accident Performance
 - H & S Management
 - H & S Climate
 - Occupational Health
- 1.2 A copy of the improvement programme, showing the latest objectives and targets for each of the 4 key themes is detailed in Item 4.0 of the H&S Committee Papers.
- 1.3 This report summarises the Councils performance against the programme at the end of the third quarter since its launch. For continuity and comparison, some of the data is presented in a year-to-date format.

2.0 Performance Outturn

2.1 The OH&S Improvement Programme 2015 - 2018 contains 14 key targets, the following chart summarises overall performance against those 14 targets using a RAG status. The percentage scores in the chart below reflect the current status at the end of the fourth quarter of 2015/16.



3.0 Performance Per Objective

3.1 The following sections summarise performance outturn against the four threads of the Improvement programme for the period April 2015 to the end of March 2016.

H & S Management

Objective: Over the period April 2015 to March 2018 the Council will demonstrate continuously improving performance in relation to specified areas of significant risk.

Target 1: To embed the council's procedures relating to contractor management across the authority during 2015/16 Target 2: To train all relevant employees in the CBC contract management system and procedures in 2015/16

Target 3: To review the commissioning cycle to ensure all H&S risks are addressed at specification, tender, contract and contract management stages of the cycle

Target 4: Revise, Reissue and implement the 'Managing Workplace Stress Policy' Target 5: To develop, and commence delivery of, a 3 year corporate H&S management auditing programme.

4.0 <u>Target 1 – Embedding contractor management procedures</u>

4.0.1 The new procedures and documentation to be employed when appointing contractors are currently available on the 'P' Drive. These documents will be transferred onto the Council's Intranet pages by the end of April 2016.

4.1 <u>Target 2 – Training for employees on the new contractor management procedures</u>

4.1.1 A training package has been developed by the Health & Safety Unit and all relevant Council officers have been offered the opportunity to undergo the training. The majority have now completed the training except for a few officers that were unable to attend the planned sessions. Further training sessions will therefore be arranged to ensure the remaining officers receive the training.

4.2 <u>Target 3 – Reviewing the commissioning cycle</u>

4.2.1 The review will be undertaken by a project team, this will be due to take place during 2016/17.

4.3 Target 4 – Revision and re-issue of the stress management policy

4.3.1 The policy review is now complete and has been approved. The revised policy and its related documents are available on the intranet.

4.4 Target 5 – Develop a 3-year corporate H&S audit programme

- **4.4.1** A programme of audits to cover all Council Services over the next three years with a view to complete at least 3 audits every year is currently being prepared.
- **4.4.2** Once the new audit arrangements have been agreed and the audit team have been instructed on the new procedure, the audit programme will commence. The first audit will be undertaken at Environmental Services and it is due to commence by the end of April.

H & S Climate / Culture

Objective: Over the period April 2015 to March 2018 the Council will demonstrate a continuously improving health and safety climate, with senior management commitment and governance.

Target 6: To develop & maintain a targeted strategy / programme to tackle causes of injuries and ill health across the council, service managers and union representatives will proactively work within the framework of the strategy to ensure improved performance

Target 7: To conduct 2 corporate employee Health & Safety Opinion Surveys during 2015-18 and to draw comparisons against the baseline 2012 data, and the interim 2014/15 data

4.5 <u>Target 6 – Develop & maintain a targeted strategy to reduce instances of injury or ill-health</u>

- 4.5.1 An H&S strategy document to reduce instances of injury and ill health has been prepared and approved.
- 4.5.2 The Council's OHSIG are now meeting on a quarterly basis and taking a lead role in working with services across the councils to implement this strategy and subsequently improve the climate and culture within the authority.
- 4.5.3 The results of the 2014/15 survey have revealed that, although a number of Service areas have improved their score, not all of them have managed to raise their score to a minimum of 50 in the three key areas of accident performance, barriers to safety and supervision. Service Managers will therefore continue to target these key areas for further improvement.

4.6 <u>Target 7 - To conduct 2 corporate employee health & safety opinion surveys</u> during 2015-18

- 4.6.1 The question set for the employee H&S opinion survey is currently being revised by the OHSIG to reflect more closely how the working environment and the way H&S is managed in each Service can impact on employee opinion. This should identify more clearly, areas for improvement.
- 4.6.2 A survey will be undertaken during 2016/17 to gauge if the required improvements have been made and a further survey will be undertaken during 2017/18 to measure progress.

Accident Injury Performance

Objective: Over the period April 2015 – March 2018 the Council will continuously reduce its employee accident/incident rate

Target 8: By 31 March 2018 the total non-fatal injury incidence rate will have been reduced by 10% year on year

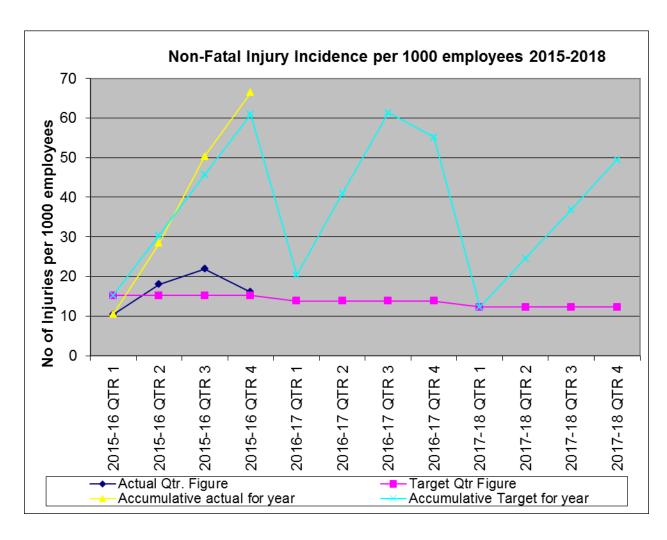
Target 9: By 31 March 2018 the number of days lost due to accidents will have been reduced by 10% year on year.

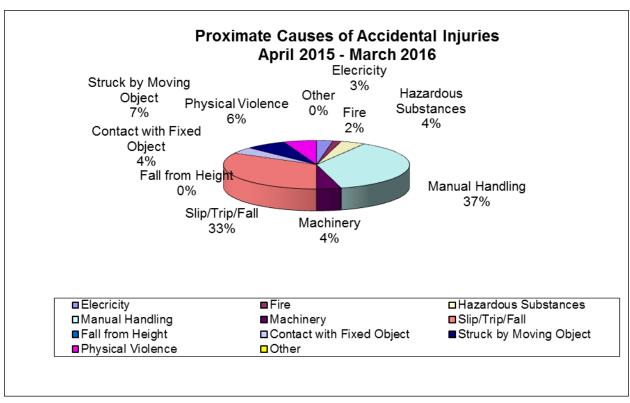
Target 10: To reduce the average number of days lost due to accidents to 7 or fewer per accident.

4.7 Target 8 – Non-Fatal Injury incidence (per 1000 employees)

- 4.7.1 At the end of the final quarter of 2015/16, the year to date figure is 66.6 per 1000 employees. This figure has fallen when compared to the previous quarter year to date figure of 72.3 per 1000 employees. Although it is pleasing to see the fall in incidents over the quarter, the current year to date figure is still 9.3% above the 60.9 incidents per 1000 employee's target that we hoped to achieve by the end of March 2016.
- 4.7.2 The proximate causes of accidental injuries and near misses are shown in the PIE chart below. It continues to indicate that slip, trip and fall risks together with manual handling risks are by far the biggest cause of non-fatal injury accidents across the Council, highlighting the need for continued action to reduce such incidents.
- 4.7.3 The administrative costs of dealing with these incidents, (not including the cost of time off work), for 2014/15 was estimated to be £7,100. The estimated cost for 2015/16 is estimated to be £7,000. It is pleasing to see a decrease in administrative costs when compared to the previous year. This is based on HSE methodology (£100 per incident).

No of non-fatal injury Incidents	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	YEAR TO DATE JAN. 2016
Target – No. of Accidents	64	58	52	
Target – Accidents Per 1000 employees	60.9	55.2	49.5	
Target % Decrease	-10%	-10%	-10%	
Actual – No. of Accidents				70
Actual – Accidents Per 1000 employees				66.6
% Increase / Decrease against target				9.3%





4.8 Target 9 – Reducing days lost due to accidents

- 4.8.1 Due to one particular incident, there continues to be a significant increase in the year to date figure for this fourth and final quarter (266) compared to the previous quarter's year to date figure (179).
- 4.8.2 Using HSE methodology, (£2,600 per incident), it has been estimated that the cost of accidents leading to employees having time of work for 2014/15 was £33,800. For 2015/16, the estimated cost is £31,200, indicating a reduction of £2,600 over the year.
- 4.8.3 The cost to the council of accidents was estimated to be £40,900 for 2014/15. When adding the figures detailed at 4.7.3, (£7,000), and 4.8.2, £31,400, the estimated cost for 2015/16 is 38,200. This does not take into account the costs incurred in rectifying damage to property, vehicles or the impact of any insurance claims made against the councils that directly relate to accidents.

QUARTERLY BREAKDOWN OF NUMBER OF LOST TIME ACCIDENTS - 2015/16

APR – JUN	JUL – SEP	OCT – DEC	JAN – MAR
2015	2015	2015	2016

	LOST DAY ACC.	DAYS LOST	LOST DAY ACC.	DAYS LOST	LOST DAY ACC.	DAYS LOST	LOST DAY ACC.	DAYS LOST
	1	31	1	3	1	4		91*
	1	5	1	5	1	4	1	17
			1	5	1	95	1	1
			1	2			1	3
TOTAL	2	36	4	15	3	103	3	112
AVERAGE LOST DAYS PER ACCIDENT	1	8	3	.7	34	1.3	37	7.3
ACCUMULATIVE AVERAGE LOST DAYS PER ACCIDENT	11	1.6	8	.2	12	2.7	22	2.1

^{*}Employee still off following accident on 16/09/15.

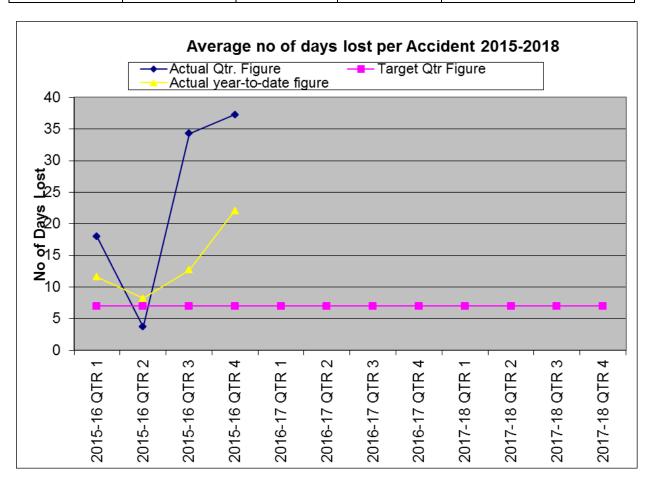
4.9 Target 10 – Average number of days lost due to accidents

- 4.9.1 The performance target is set at reducing the average number of days lost per accident to 7 by the end of 2015/16 and at least maintaining that figure for the next two years. The 2014/15 figure for the average number of days lost was 11.1. The 2015/16 figure is 22.7, which is 15.7 above the target.
- 4.9.2 The following accidents led to sickness absence during this reporting quarter:

- On the 16.09.15, an employee tripped and fell over a trailer door causing a sprain to his shoulder and his left knee. At the time of this report he was still off work. The total number days he has been off work now stands at 186 days.
- An employee slipped and fell on a resident's drive, bruising her back, both arms and her right hip. This resulted in her having 17 days off sick.
- An employee slipped on mud and fell on his back, resulting in him straining his shoulder and being off work for a day.
- An employee slipped on a muddy slope resulting in him twisting his ankle and being off work for 3 days.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS LOST PER ACCIDENT

	July year-to-date	October year-to-date	January year-to-date	April year-to-date
Target 2015/16	7	7	7	7
Actual	11.6	8.2	12.7	22.1
% Increase / Decrease		-29.3%	+54.8%	+74.1%



Occupational Health

Objective: Over the period April 2015 to March 2018 the Council will continuously reduce its overall reported work related ill health.

Target 11: 8% year on year reduction in the number of cases of occupationally related anxiety, stress and depression Target 12: 8% year on year reduction in the number of days lost due to occupationally related anxiety, stress and depression

Target 13: 8% year on year reduction in the number of cases of occupationally related musculoskeletal conditions

Target 14: 8% year on year reduction in the number of days lost due to occupationally related musculoskeletal conditions

A review of the sickness absence data in April 2015 has identified that due to a combination of factors, the accuracy of the information reported does not meet the required standards. The processes involved in recording and reporting the information have now been reviewed and updated. With this in mind, it has been agreed that a new baseline will be established in 2015/16.

<u>Target 12/14 – to reduce the level of work-related ill health based on the baseline</u> level

PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR DAYS LOST DUE TO OCCUPATIONALLY RELATED ILL HEALTH

8% YEAR ON YEAR DECREASE IN DAYS LOST DUE TO WORK RELATED STRESS & MUSCULOSKELETAL INJURY (TARGET)

	2013/14 (Actual)	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Stress	710	675	474	TO BE AGREED
Musculoskeletal	261	248	131	TO BE AGREED
% Increase - Decrease	-	-5%	-8%	TO BE AGREED

ACTUAL PERFORMANCE 2014/15

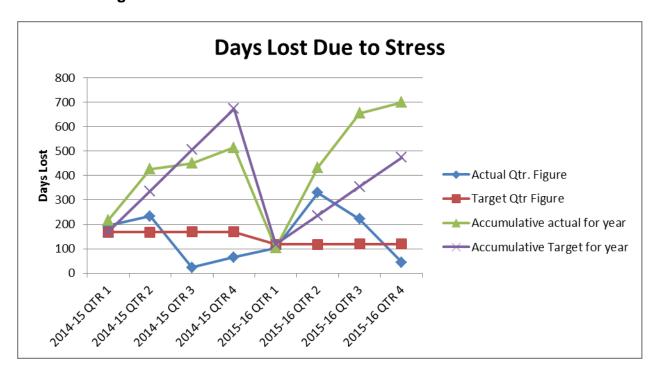
	APR/JUN	JUL/SEP	OCT/DEC	JAN/MAR	ACTUAL TOTAL FOR
	2014	2014	2014	2014	YEAR
Stress	194	233	23	65	515
Musculoskeletal	81	37	9	15	142

The target for reducing the number of days lost due to work related ill health has been set at 8% year on year using the period 2014 /15 as the baseline.

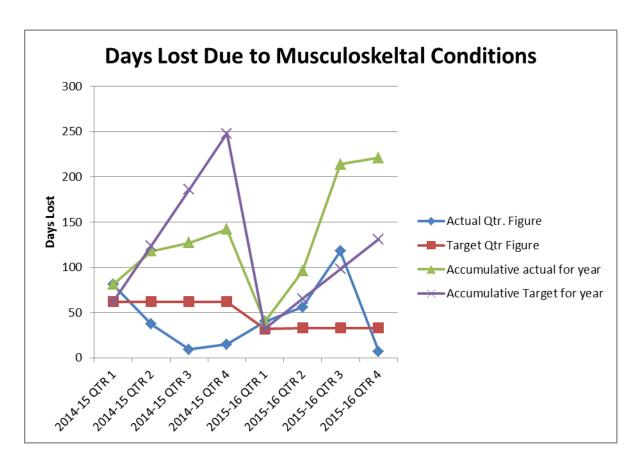
YEAR TO DATE PERFORMANCE - APRIL 2015 TO MARCH 2016

	APR/JUN	JUL/SEP	OCT/DEC	JAN/MAR	ACTUAL TOTAL FOR
	2015	2015	2015	2016	YEAR TO DATE
Stress	103	330	222	45	700
% Increase -	+159%	+220%	-33%	-80%	FROM 515 to 700 =
Decrease					36% INCREASE
Musculoskeletal	40	56	118	7	221
% Increase -	+167%	+40%	+110%	-94%	FROM 142 to 221 = 56%
Decrease					INCREASE

The 2015/16 target for the number of days lost due to occupationally related ill health has been set at 474 days (Stress) and 131 (Musculoskeletal). The current year to date figure for stress related absence is 700, this is 48% above the target. The current year to date figure for musculoskeletal related absence is 221, this is 69% above the target.



The above graph illustrates the number of days lost due to work related stress.



The above graph illustrates the number of days lost due to musculoskeletal conditions.

HEALTH PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR STRESS AND MUSCULOSKELETAL INCIDENTS

<u>Target 11/13 - 8% YEAR ON YEAR DECREASE IN INCIDENTS OF WORK RELATED</u> <u>STRESS & MUSCULOSKELETAL INJURY (TARGET)</u>

	2013/14 (Actual)	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Stress	40	38	12	TO BE AGREED
Musculoskeletal	22	21	19	TO BE AGREED
% Increase - Decrease	-	-5%	-8%	TO BE AGREED

ACTUAL PERFORMANCE 2014/15

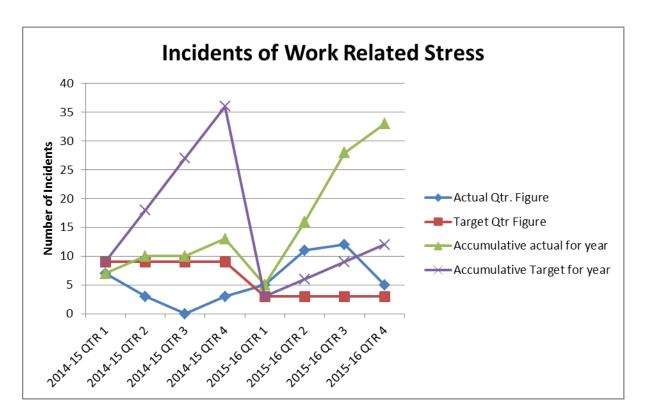
	APR/JUN 2014	JUL/SEP 2014	OCT/DEC 2014	JAN/MAR 2014	ACTUAL TOTAL FOR YEAR
	2017	2017	2017	2017	ILAN
Stress	7	3	0	3	13
Musculoskeletal	7	9	2	3	21

The target for reducing the number of incidents due to work related ill health has been set at 8% year on year using the period 2014 /15 as the baseline.

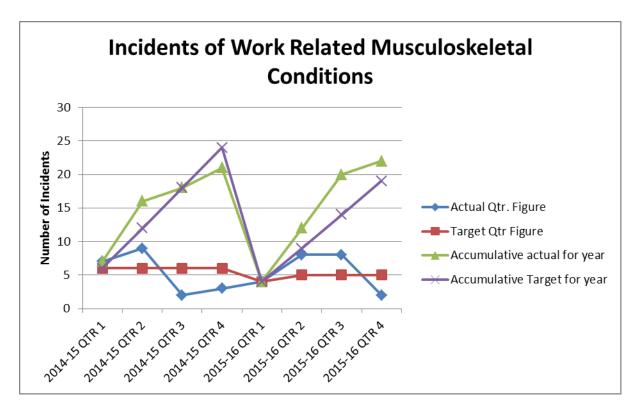
YEAR TO DATE PERFORMANCE - APRIL 2015 TO MARCH 2016

	APR/JUN	JUL/SEP	OCT/DEC	JAN/MAR	ACTUAL TOTAL FOR
	2015	2015	2015	2016	YEAR TO DATE
Stress	5	11	12	5	33
% Increase -	+67%	+120%	+9%	-58%	FROM 13 to 33 =
Decrease					154% INCREASE
Musculoskeletal	4	8	8	2	22
% Increase -	+33%	+100%	-	-75%	FROM 21 to 22 = 5%
Decrease					INCREASE

The 2015/16 target for the number of incidents of occupationally related ill health has been set at 12 (Stress) and 19 (Musculoskeletal). The current year to date figure for stress related incidents is 33, this is 175% above the target. The current year to date figure for musculoskeletal related incidents is 22, this is 16% above the target.



The above graph illustrates the number of incidents due to work related stress. The figures are based on new incidents per quarter to ensure that double counting does not occur.



The above graph illustrates the number of incidents due to musculoskeletal conditions. The figures are based on new incidents per quarter to ensure that double counting does not occur.

The charts below show all work related absences for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 and confirm that the biggest causes of work related absences remain mental health and musculoskeletal issues. These two areas should remain as the immediate targets for action.

