

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2013

REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER

**PUBLIC PROTECTION DEPARTMENT
HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICE PLAN 2013-2014**

Any recommendation expressed in this report reflects only the preliminary view of Cabinet. Where the Cabinet Members participate in the decision making process they will not make a final determination on this matter without consideration of the debate and any other relevant matter.

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To seek Council approval for the Health and Safety Service Plan 2013-2014 (Appendix A).

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan/Other Corporate Priority

2.1 The Service Plan outlines the connection between the services provided and the following corporate priorities:

- People in Bridgend County Borough are healthier;
- People in Bridgend County Borough benefit from a stronger and more prosperous economy;
- People in Bridgend County Borough are engaged and empowered to achieve their own potential;
- Bridgend County Borough is a great place to live, work and visit.

3. Background

3.1 The Public Protection Department's Trading Standards Service is delegated to enforce health and safety legislation within the County Borough.

3.2 The Health and Safety Commission issues guidance under Section 18 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 to Local Authorities, which imposes a duty on Local Authorities to produce an annual service plan.

3.3 The plan is required to be subject to Member approval and, when approved, be readily available to the public and the business community.

3.4 Members are asked to note that the plan is prepared in addition to the Council's Corporate Plans with regard to service delivery and is required to evidence the Council's practices in relation to such matters as the provision of advice and education, enforcement, including inspection, investigation of complaints, service requests and non-compliance with statutory requirements.

4. Current Situation/Proposal

4.1 The Health and Safety Service Plan is currently unapproved and requires Member approval.

5. Effect Upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

5.1 The Health and Safety Service Plan is not included in the Council's Policy Framework.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 The Authority has a duty to produce a Health and Safety Plan, and the production of the Plan does not have any Equality implications, although the work within the plan may be subject to further Equality Impact Assessments.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The service plan details how the service will be provided within the budget set for 2013-2014.

8. Recommendations

8.1 **That Council approves the Health and Safety Service Plan 2013-2014.**

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Background Papers

Health and Safety Commission, Section 18, Guidance to Local Authorities
HSE National Local Authority Enforcement Code