

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Corporate Policy and Performance
DATE	25 th November 2010
DIRECTOR	Pete Leonard
TITLE OF REPORT	Revised Policies for Gas Safety, Asbestos and Legionella
REPORT NUMBER:	H&E/10/172

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to present to elected members the revised corporate policies for Gas Safety, Asbestos Safety and Safety from Legionella Bacteria.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee:

- a) Note and approve the revised policies.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

These policies refer to the aims and objectives outlined in the Council's general statement of Health & Safety policy and further develops the provisions the Council will make to ensure we fully comply with our statutory obligations.

The aim of the Gas, Asbestos and Legionella policies for Aberdeen City Council is to protect the health and safety of its citizens, its staff and any third parties, whilst retaining its responsibilities it has within these areas of work.

The Objectives support the Council's aim to ensure that services are completed in accordance with current law and best practice.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

In light of the new structures established in the Council there was a need to develop corporate policies on Gas Safety, Asbestos Safety and Safety from Legionella Bacteria. This was to ensure there was a clear understanding of responsibilities within each Directorate and across the Council.

These policies have been revised through the Housing and Environment and the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Directorate.

The revised policies for Gas Safety, Asbestos Safety and Safety from Legionella Bacteria are attached as appendices to this report.

6. IMPACT

Aberdeen's City Vision is to be "a city which is vibrant, dynamic, forward looking, an even better place to live and work, where people can expect high quality services that meet their needs", and the City Council's Vision that "we will be recognized within the city and more widely as being a leading Council Northern Europe by 2010".

This report links to the Community Plan, the Single Outcome Agreement and Vibrant, Dynamic & Forward Looking by ensuring that our properties are safe to live in and the our tenants and their neighbours are living in a safer environment.

These policies relate to the Single Outcome Agreement:

- We live longer, healthier lives;
- We live in well designed sustainable places;
- Our public services are of high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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