

BARNESLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

This matter is not a Key Decision within the Council's definition and has not been included in the relevant Forward Plan

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORE SERVICES TO CABINET

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents Order of Distinction Award 2020 and British Safety Council International Safety Award 2020

1. Purpose of Report

This report seeks to inform Cabinet that the Council has been awarded for 2020 the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) Order of Distinction Award (19 consecutive gold awards) and British Safety Council International Safety Award.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the achievements be noted and continuous efforts made to improve upon performance in health and safety within the Authority.

3. Introduction

- 3.1 The British Safety Council and RoSPA awards are awarded annually to organisations that have attained consistently high health and safety standards. Both awards are peer assessed and judged based on the submission of a wide range of evidence from across the breadth of the Council and schools and are reflective of the collective efforts made across all services. The achievements demonstrate the Council's ongoing commitment to health, safety and wellbeing during 2019 and are a national acknowledgement of efforts in this area.
- 3.2 Both awards require a wide array of evidence to be provided across the full range of occupational health and safety management themes including:
- Director and senior management leadership
 - Competent health and safety advice
 - Workforce engagement
 - Competence of employees and selection of contractors
 - Risk assessment, control and management
 - Communication within and beyond the organisation
 - Monitoring and review of health and safety performance
 - Investigation of problems and identification improvements (including an overview of accident and incident data)
 - Extending our leadership on health and safety into the community and home
- 3.3 A detailed review of the Council's health and safety performance in 2019/2020 will be provided in the annual Health and Safety Report 2019/2020 that will be submitted to Cabinet in due course.

4. Proposal and justification

- 5.1 That the achievements be noted and continuous efforts made to improve upon performance in health and safety within the Authority.

5. Consideration of alternative approaches

- 5.1 Due to the nature of this report, alternative approaches are not considered. However, in achieving the awards it is acknowledged that further improvements in health and safety can be made and an action plan for 2020/2021 will be included in the Health and Safety Report 2019/2020.

6. Implications for local people and service users

- 6.1 The awards emphasise the need for maintained focus on the overall health and safety function in order to uphold standards of health and safety for local people who interact with or receive the Council's services.

7. Financial implications

- 7.1 The awards emphasise the need for maintained focus on the overall health and safety function in order to uphold standards and prevent business losses.

8. Employee implications

- 8.1 The awards emphasise the need for maintained focus on the overall health and safety function in order to uphold standards and prevent injury, ill health or other losses to employees and maintain employee welfare.

9. Legal implications

- 9.1 There are no foreseen implications of this report.

10. Customer and digital implications

- 10.1 There are no foreseen implications of this report.

11. Communications activity

- 11.1 Proactive communications will be issued to acknowledge the awards publicly both locally and potentially in national sector specific publications.

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