

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE		
Report Title	CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM UPDATE	
Key decision	No	Item No 3
Ward	All	
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1. Purpose

- 1.1. To answer members request from the Health and Safety Committee on 25 April meeting for a summary of how Corporate H&S operates in the Council, culminating with the role of the H&S Committee.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. The Committee are asked to note this report.

3. H&S Committee

- 3.1. The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 sets out general duties which employers have toward employees and members of the public.
- 3.2. In Lewisham Council, the arrangements for managing and monitoring H&S are well established and based on 18001 H&S management system to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all those who may be affected by their operational activities.
- 3.3. Lewisham Council has put in place various consultative forums to discuss and monitor the effectiveness of their management arrangements. These are set out in more detail at Appendix A.
- 3.4. The role and purpose of this committee is to monitor H&S matters as they relate to non-employees effected by the Council's activities. These include:
- Members of the public,
 - Sub-contractors,
 - Any other persons (e.g. pupils in schools)
- 3.5. The most common H&S risks associated with these groups are:
- slips/trips/falls mainly on same level – e.g. in playgrounds during sports, activities or due to uneven grounds/wet floor;
 - assaults by client/pupil on client/pupil – e.g. fight between two clients or pupils;
 - fall from height – e.g. from play equipment, on the stairs or onboard vehicles; and
 - contact with something fixed or stationary – e.g. scratch to hand caused by bush in park, contact with something flying/moving object – e.g. football hit face.
- 3.6. The services (as seen from the incident statistics routinely reported to the Committee) that are most likely reporting such incidents are schools, door2door transport, supported housing/day care services, access point and civic reception, and libraries.

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Appendix A – Overview of H&S arrangements

London Borough of Lewisham – current Health & Safety arrangements

