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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Committee approves the Health & Safety Enforcement Policy and approves that subsequent minor alterations to the policy can be approved by the Environmental Health Manager without further reference to Committee.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 It is now a requirement of the Health & Safety commission under Section 18 guidance that each Local Authority produce a Health & Safety Enforcement Policy document which is approved by its members, and is brought to the attention of businesses within its geographical area. The policy outlines the enforcement procedure of the Authority and follows the principles of, the Cabinet Office's enforcement concordat (adopted by this Authority in September 2000), the Human Rights Act 1998 and guidance issued by Health and Safety Executive Local Authority Unit.
- 2.1 In general it specifies the options available to enforce the Legislative provisions of the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 and the steps that must be followed by officers in the enforcement of that Act.
- 2.2 The Section intends to publicise the policy via leaflets and place the policy on the SDDC website. This has already been done for the Food Safety Enforcement Policy. A summary of the policy would be given out when officers carry out visits initially or statutory action is taken. This would inform stakeholders of the full policy and outline where they could view or obtain a copy if they wished.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications

9.0 Background Papers

9.1 Health & Safety Enforcement Policy