

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting27th September 2018

1. Title of Item/Report

Revised Legionella Control & Water Hygiene Policy

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the revised Legionella Control & Water Hygiene Policy.

The Council as a Local Authority had responsibility for the effective management of water systems to control Legionella bacteria in Council controlled property. A Legionella Control Policy & Water Hygiene Policy was previously approved by Cabinet in April 2015 which set out the responsibility, accountability and measures required to reduce the risk of exposure of Legionella Bacteria.

Legionnaire's disease was a potentially fatal form of pneumonia. The bacteria reproduce to high numbers in warm, stagnant water (between 20°C and 46°C). Typically plumbing systems and hot water tanks, pools, showers, fire and sprinkler systems installed in Council buildings that use water and operate at temperatures in excess of 20°C can generate an aerosol containing Legionella bacteria and presenting a Legionella risk in particular to people aged over 45 years, smokers, drinkers and those suffering from chronic heart or respiratory disease, diabetes or with an impaired immune system. Higher temperatures of 60°C and over will kill the bacteria.

The aim of this policy was to reduce and control the risk associated with Legionella by correct; system design and operation, methods of control monitoring, and water treatment.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The revised policy for Water Hygiene and Legionella Control be approved.
2. The revised roles and responsibilities within the policy be noted.
3. Responsibility for the implementation of the revised policy for

Legionella Control and Water Hygiene Policy be delegated to the Director of Community Services.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The revised Legionella Control and Water Hygiene Policy will ensure that the Council has approved formal procedures in place to reduce the risk associated with Legionella inclusive of:

- a) Documented levels of responsibility,
- b) Risk assessment, management procedures, monitoring and training requirements are fully defined,
- c) A Written Scheme and Legionella Control Management Plan for all council premises.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/a

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 5 October 2018

Proper Officer
01 February 2018