

## **STOCKTON HOME SAFETY ASSOCIATION**

A meeting of Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Tuesday 10 October 2023.

**Present:** Cllr Ann McCoy (Chair), Cllr Nigel Cooke (Vice), Cllr Sufi Mubeen.

**Officers:** John Devine (DS), Andrea Gledhill, Allison Lilliendahl.

**Also in attendance:**

**Apologies:** Paul Bell (One Call)

### **SHA/1122/ Evacuation Procedure**

The Evacuation Procedure Agenda item had been added in error and was not necessary for Stockton Home Safety Association.

### **SHA/1222/ Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **SHA/1322/ Minutes**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 be approved.

### **SHA/1422/ Campaign Topics**

Campaign Topics put forward by Members and Officers were as follows:

- To highlight the dangers of copies or imitation children's toys, as they don't meet the same safety standards as genuine items.
- The dangers of button batteries for children and how they can be often found in toys.
- How to properly use Christmas lights, for example not overloading electrical sockets when decorating.

Members also mentioned if anything could be included around the increase in Electric Scooters used in Stockton. But it was noted that the issues around Electric Scooters would be a Policing matter and legislation.

### **SHA/1522/ Report of The Trading Standards Officer**

Officers gave a verbal update to Members; Officers were hopeful that a new licensing scheme would be brought into deal with the increase in Botox and other filler products being sold and used in treatments.

Trading Standards would be taking part in a consultation on Furniture and the associated Safety Regulations, which Officers informed members hadn't been updated since the 1980's.

Another consultation around the possible banning of Vapes would also be taking place. Members expressed their support of such a ban as members of the public had been coming to them for years highlighting their concerns around vape usage and especially with their use by Children.

Trading Standards Officers did note that if a ban came into place Vapes would become illicit products which could be much harder to take off shelves.

Agreed that the update be noted.

#### **SHA/1622/ Report of The Home Safety Officer- Children's Services**

The Family Safety Sessions which Officers continue to hold had remained popular with the public and Foster Carers and potential Foster Parents. After School Health Clubs for Kids were still being held and would be held over the half terms.

A Winter noticeboard had been displayed at these events highlighting, Hot water bottle usage safety, Electric Blanket Safety and Christmas light safety. Work would be carried out to promote the National Burns Day to raise awareness to the public.

Officers would bring to the next meeting a report that would outline the various categories that made up Accident & Emergency admissions for 2021 & 2022.

Agreed that the update be noted.

#### **SHA/1722/ Report of The One Call Officer**

The One Call Officer had sent their apologies for the meeting while supplying a brief update on response time data.

Members were pleased by the data which showed good response times to the public's calls.

Agreed the Update be noted.

#### **SHA/1822/ Report of The Home Improvement Agency Officer**

No Officer from The Home Improvement Agency was present at the meeting.

Members agreed to defer the report until the next meeting.

#### **SHA/1922/ Work Programme**

The Work Programme was NOTED.