

Agenda item 8

For information - Health & Safety Update

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Summary

This standing report to the Council Matters committee provides updates on the following:

1. Liability claims
2. Property claims
3. Safe working and risk management
4. Training
5. Miscellaneous

1. Liability claims

Existing

The accident at the Old Showfield reported in September 2016 remains with Zurich, the Council's insurance provider.

New

An accident along the riverside path between Weylands and Welshmill has been reported to the Council and has been referred to Zurich.

2. Property claims

The toddler swings on the Mary Baily Playing Field were damaged beyond repair by a falling tree branch on 17 January. The replacement cost (including installation) will be in the region of £10,000 and we've registered a new claim with Zurich. After the claim has been assessed by Zurich and assuming approval, the lead-in time for the new swings to be made (and installed) is 6 to 8 weeks. As such, an early estimate for them to be replaced is mid to late April.

3. Safe working and risk management

Nothing to report

4. Training

- Fire marshal training for FTC staff was extended the offer to other tenants in the Town Hall
- A small number of FTC staff joined community groups in first-aid training.
- FTC staff are all set to be trained in the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) at the end of February.
- Staff are also set to be trained in how to deal with challenging customers and difficult situations.

4. Miscellaneous

An ancient Sycamore tree on Millennium Green was damaged in the stormy overnight conditions of 17 January. It has blocked the footpath. Although FTC is not ultimately responsible for the Green, we have been working to support the Millennium Green Trust in both looking after the site and deciding about what to do about the tree. The Green is subject to a more detailed report on this agenda.