

Agenda item 11

For information - Health & Safety update

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Summary

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

1. Health & Safety (accidents and incidents)
2. Liability claims
3. Property claims
4. Risk management

1. Accidents and incidents

We've received a report of a fall on the path by the woodlands at Welshmill (just along from the railway bridge)

Having spoken to the person who fell, they have confirmed that none of the factors leading to the fall were to do with the path or our management and upkeep of the area.

We are also aware of an accident that saw someone fell backwards into the town centre fountain. We haven't had this reported to us by the person involved; but there was a Council meeting happening nearby.

Having looked into this – and spoken to the people who saw what happened – we do not feel that any changes are necessary to the design of the fountain at this time.

2. Liability claims

Existing claims

None

New claims

The Council hasn't received any new liability claims since the last Council Matters meeting on 5 May 2021.

3. Property claims

None at this time.

4. Risk management

We're continuing to write and update a variety of risk assessments as we respond to the coronavirus emergency and lockdown.

This includes looking at activities and events happening in the parks and green spaces – like

the upcoming Picnic in the Meadow - and increasing bookings at the Town Hall. It also continues to include regular checks on the coronavirus risk assessment for the Rangers' work.

Council meetings have now returned to the Town Hall; and the risk assessment for these has been updated in line with the Government's advice and restrictions.

Site risk assessments - for our parks and green spaces - are also being regularly reviewed and updated.