

Agenda item 10

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 been made aware of an accident that saw a child injured by broken glass in Egford Lane play area. We haven't had this reported to us directly by the family; rather, the person who reported the broken glass to us mentioned the accident.

Similarly, we've been told about an accident at Packsaddle play area - with someone injuring themselves on or by the boules court. Again though, this hasn't been reported directly to us by or on behalf of the person who was hurt - so we don't have any other details 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 30 June 2021.

3. Property claims

None at this time.

4. Risk management

We're continuing to write and update risk assessments; procedures and good practice documents as we respond to the coronavirus emergency and lockdown.

This includes looking at the upcoming activities and events happening as part of Green Week; bookings at the Town Hall; the community event at the Showfield for Apple Day, Halloween and the Blossom Circle; and the town's Christmas celebrations.

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.

We're also updating our play risk assessments following play training for the Rangers and the Community Development team.