

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 an accident in the town centre - when someone fell down the steps next to the bus stop by King Street. We've passed this report to Somerset County Council since they are responsible for most of the pavements in the town centre.

We've also heard about another accident (or a near miss) in the town centre; when someone tripped on or fell on the steps near the fountain. This hasn't been reported directly to us though; and we don't have any more details about this at this time.

2. Liability claims

Existing claims

None at this time.

New claims

The Council hasn't received any new liability claims since the last Council Matters meeting on 9 February.

3. Property claims

None at this time.

4. Risk management

We've finalised the risk assessments for the first Green Breather Day in the town centre (on Saturday 21 May). And we've been reviewing the risk assessments coming in for (non-FTC) events and activities happening now and planned for this summer.

Site risk assessments continue to be updated for the parks, spaces and buildings that we're responsible for; reflecting the changes and improvements to these places as they happen.

In line with the Government's current advice and guidance - we are no longer legally required to separately consider Covid in our risk assessments. Even so, we are continuing to keep some

of our Covid risk assessments up to date as good practice – the risk assessments for FTC staff and Council meetings being two examples.