

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. Health & Safety

Accidents and incidents

Alongside Mendip District Council and Somerset County Council, we have been included in correspondence reporting an accident on a footpath near Lower Innox.

The person reporting the accident is looking for confirmation of which organisation is responsible for the path where the accident happened.

Once the exact location of the accident has been confirmed – and responsibility (and liability) for that location confirmed – the person is intending to submit a claim against that organisation.

We're also aware of an accident that happened at the Old Showfield on the same day that our Apple Day event was taking place.

The accident hasn't been formally reported to us however, and it may not be.

2. Liability claims

Existing claims

- The accident along the riverside path between Weylands and Welshmill that was reported in December 2017 remains open and remains with Zurich on behalf of FTC.

New claims

The Council hasn't received any new liability claims since the last Council Matters meeting on 11 September 2019.

However, if the accident mentioned above is found to have happened on a path that we look after, a new claim is expected.

3. Property claims

The Town Hall Steward has resolved our claim in respect of the accidental damage to one of the pillars and the joining wall of the car park at the Town Hall.

The necessary repairs are being scheduled and the cost of these is being met by the third party's insurance company.

4. Risk management

Site risk assessments for Victoria Park and the Mary Baily playing field were formally approved at the last Council Matters meeting on 11 September 2019.

Staff will be checking and updating the event risk assessment for the fireworks display up to the day of the event. On the day of the event, dynamic risk assessments will be completed as required (thereby reflecting the circumstances and situations on the day). Likewise, the risk assessments for this year's late-night shopping events and the town centre Christmas event.