

Title: Compliance Policies (Asbestos, Building Safety, Electrical Safety, Gas and Heating, Lift Safety and Water Hygiene)

Lead Officer: Jen Morrison – Project Manager

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Helen Adkins

Wards of the District directly affected: All

Approvals required	Date	Name
Portfolio Holder		Councillor Helen Adkins
Finance		Andrew Rollins
Legal Services		
Chief Executive		Chris Elliott
Director of Climate Change		Dave Barber
Head of Service(s)		Lisa Baker
Section 151 Officer		Andrew Rollins
Monitoring Officer		Graham Leach
Leadership Co-ordination Group		Cllrs Davison, Harrison, Boad, Day and Falp
Final decision by this Committee or rec to another Cttee / Council?	No	
Contrary to Policy / Budget framework?	No	
Does this report contain exempt info/Confidential? If so, which paragraph(s)?	No	
Does this report relate to a key decision (referred to in the Cabinet Forward Plan)?	No	
Accessibility Checked?	No	

Summary

This report seeks to provide an overview of the policies that have been developed and approved relating to the Asset Compliance project (Pennington Report)

Recommendation(s)

- (1) That Cabinet approves the policies relating to six Asset Compliance areas: Asbestos, Building Safety, Electrical Safety, Gas and Heating, Lift Safety, and Water Hygiene.
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1 Reasons for the Recommendation

- 1.1 Through the work being completed on the Compliance Project (Pennington Report) it was clear that there was a need for a concise set of policies relating to the safety of the Council's Assets and Housing Stock. These policies are a regulatory requirement and in line with current legislation, best practice, and guidance.
- 1.2 In April 2024, members of the Compliance Project Team met with Pennington Choices to establish the principles of the Compliance policies. Pennington Choices subsequently drafted the policies to ensure that the specific criteria was met and that there was alignment to the operational requirements of the Council.
- 1.3 The draft reports were received and discussed in Compliance Programme Board and Asset Compliance Committee. There were a few minor modifications made (formatting issues and the change of Head of Neighbourhood and Assets to the Deputy Chief Executive). No other comments were received and the policies were put forward for final consideration by the Portfolio Holder and the Deputy Chief Executive.

2 Alternative Options

- 2.1 The policies are a regulatory requirement and therefore there are no Alternative Options arising from this report.

3 Legal Implications

- 3.1 There are no Legal Implications arising directly from this report.

4 Financial Services

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications of policies.

5 Corporate Strategy

- 5.1 Warwick District Council has adopted a Corporate Strategy which sets three strategic aims for the organisation. Each proposed decision should set out how the report contributes to the delivery of these strategic aims. If it does not contribute to these aims or has a negative effect on them the report should explain why that is the case.
- 5.2 Delivering valued, sustainable services – The policies support service delivery, including regulatory assessments of performance.
- 5.3 Low cost, low carbon energy across the district – No direct implications.
- 5.4 Creating vibrant, safe and healthy communities of the future – These policies show that the Council is compliant with the regulatory requirements and that

they will ensure the safety of the residents.

6 Environmental/Climate Change Implications

6.1 There are no Environmental / Climate Change implications arising from this report.

7 Analysis of the effects on Equality

7.1 An Analysis of the effects on Equality is not required for this report.

8 Data Protection

8.1 There are no Data Protection implications arising from this report.

9 Health and Wellbeing

9.1 There are no Health and Wellbeing implications arising from this report.

10 Risk Assessment

10.1 There are no additional Risk Assessment implications arising from this report.

11 Consultation

11.1 The Compliance Programme Board and Asset Compliance Committee approved the policies initially. The policies were also provided to RIG for information. They were then considered by the Deputy Chief Executive and the Portfolio Holder for Housing.

Background papers:

Please find the six Compliance policies attached.

Supporting documents:

No other supporting documents.