

AGENDA ITEM NO.

TO: MEMBER TRADE UNION JOINT PANEL – 18th APRIL 07

SUBJECT: ACCIDENT REPORT (ACCIDENTS SINCE START AUG 06 - END OF FEB 07)

FROM: HEALTH & SAFETY ADVISER

1. BACKGROUND

This report summarises incidents for the period specified above. The tables below show comparative accident data tracked over this same period.

TYPE OF ACCIDENT – WDC EEMPLOYEE	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS
MANUAL HANDLING	0
SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS	5
CUTS / TRAPPING TO HANDS & FINGERS	1
SWIMMING POOL INCIDENTS	1

EMPLOYEE – LOST TIME ACCIDENTS	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS
	3

TYPE OF ACCIDENT – MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS
HIT BY MOVING OBJECT	2
SCALDS / BURNS	1
SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS	1

2. BRIEF DETAILS OF INCIDENTS BY ACCIDENT TYPE**Slips, Trips & Falls**

Staff Member of Housing – Riverside House 09/08/06

Staff member tripped on patterned area of Staff Car Park (near the supported tree). This resulted in the following injuries: Sprains to right wrist, tender and aching left knee, grazing to knees and hands.

2 WORKING DAYS LOST.

Action – As a result of investigation, Planning & Engineering have resurfaced this section of ground.

Staff Member of Leisure & Amenities – Abbey Fields Pool 17/09/06

Whilst running down link way responding to drowning alarm, the person slipped and fell, resulting in bruising to chin, right knee and sprain to knee.

Action – Danger, Wet Floor Signs available. Centre Manager investigated, pricing the application of a non-slip floor product – as successfully used in Newbold Common Leisure Centre.

Staff Member of Housing – Kennedy Square Flats 28/09/06

Whilst looking up at first floor flats, employee stepped sideways into a pothole in grassed area – resulting in person falling onto tarmac. As a consequence, the person sustained swelling and bruising to right hand.

Action – The accident was reported to the Estates Manager who arranged for the pothole to be filled in

Staff Member of Leisure & Amenities – Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre 07/12/06
(LOST TIME ACCIDENT – RIDDOR REPORTED)

Female employee slipped on wet steps resulting in a heavily sprained ankle. Prior to incident, steps were used by children from the pool resulting being transferred to the steps making them more slippery – these steps are for Staff use only (apart from exceptional circumstances)

Action – Accident investigated. Centre Manager has displayed improved signage prohibiting access to all but staff.

Leisure & Amenities looking into the practicality of providing non-slip material to the steps.
Centre Manager sent out a communication to the centre employees about the incident.

Member of the Public at Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre – 16/01/07

Whilst a woman was taking part in an exercise class, she stepped down and to side from her step unit and her foot made contact with a clearly highlighted ridge of the sprung flooring (approximately 1 inch high) – she then twisted her left ankle and fell to the floor. As a result she broke a bone in her left foot.

Action – Centre Manager has briefed the class instructors (who are contractors) regarding the positions of step units to the ridge.

Ridge made even clearer by markers during classes.
WDC Insurers visit pending – from there, further actions to be considered.

Staff Member of Environmental Health, Riverside House – 21/02/07

Whilst the staff member was climbing step ladder provided by WDC to gain access to a loft in a member of the public's home, he fell off the third rung spraining / bruising his right ankle, shin and wrist. No lasting injury

The incident resulted in 3 Lost working days (RIDDOR Reported)

Action – Ladder has been inspected – no defects found. There were no witnesses and the employee cannot say for sure how the accident happened.

Risk Assessment & Procedure on Ladders provided to raise awareness of required prevention measures to minimise chance of reoccurrence.

CUTS / TRAPPING

Employee in Member Services – Riverside House 22/11/06

Employee got out of chair to go to a photocopier and cut leg on a key that was in the lock of the desk draw.

Action – Key removed / keys not to be left in draws.

Miscellaneous Swimming Pool Incidents

Member of the public – Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre 21/11/06

A man was found unconscious in the sauna at Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre. It is understood that he was in the sauna for more than one hour.

Action – The man was placed in the recovery position and soon after an ambulance arrived and took him to hospital.

Upon investigation, it was found that the Sauna is operating normally and there are no faults that could have caused the man to become unconscious.

The Centre Manager was advised to maintain and continue regular inspections of the sauna, e.g. every 30 minutes as a precautionary measure.

Hit by Moving Object

Member of Public (Child) – Newbold Common Leisure Centre 04/10/06

As door to changing room swung back, it hit the child in the face. This resulted in slight bruising to the cheek under right eye.

Action – None required, under supervision of parent

Member of the public - St. Nicholas Park Leisure Centre 17/11/06

Woman walking along the walkway above indoor football courts in was hit in the head by a football.

Action – Accident investigated, advised consideration be given to installing nets along the balcony edge – this has been completed.

Burns / Scalds

Member of the public – James Court VS Housing Scheme 06/12/06

Resident of Weston Close lifted the lid of a boiling tea urn and suffered minor scalding to her hand.

Action – Scheme Manager to replace unit for a sealed wall-mounting hot water dispenser to prevent unauthorised access – information supplied.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The contents of this report be noted.

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