

7. **REVIEW OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH POLICY (2023)**

1. **Purpose of the report**

The Authority's *Occupational Safety and Health Policy*, a document required by law, is reviewed annually so that changed circumstances are taken into account and improvements made wherever possible. Members are asked to approve the new *Occupational Safety and Health Policy for 2023*.

Key Issues

- The Authority's *Occupational Safety and Health Policy*, is reviewed annually to ensure it is up-to-date with both the Authority organisation and arrangements to deliver occupational safety and health and with current legislation.

2. **Recommendation**

1. **That the revised *Occupational Safety and Health Policy (2023)* be approved as Authority policy from 20 January 2023.**

How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

3. It is a legal requirement to have a suitable occupational safety and health policy setting out the Authority's intentions, organisation and arrangements to deliver occupational safety and health. The *Occupational Safety and Health Policy (2023)* satisfies that requirement.

Background Information

4. The Authority's *Occupational Safety and Health Policy*, is reviewed annually to ensure it is up-to-date with both the Authority organisation and arrangements to deliver occupational safety and health and with current legislation.

The style and principle content of the *Occupational Safety and Health Policy (2023)* was substantially updated in 2018. The revised version for 2023 is unchanged from the current (2022) version.

The style and content of the *Occupational Safety and Health Policy (2023)* has been adopted by a number of NPAs seeking to streamline their occupational safety and health system documentation and to achieve greater consistency with other NPA family members.

More specific guidance on roles and responsibilities for specific OSH matters is available separately.

5. This document has been prepared by the Occupational Safety and Health Adviser (OSHA). The Health and Safety Committee (11 October 2022) have been consulted with and no changes were made.

Proposals

6. The new *Occupational Safety and Health Policy (2023)* should be ratified as Authority policy for adoption from 20 January 2023.

Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

Financial:
7. There are no obvious additional costs involved. By agreeing similar policies at other National Parks further development and implementation costs may be reduced.

Risk Management:
8. No issues to raise.

Sustainability:
9. No issues to raise.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion:
10. No issues to raise.

Climate Change
11. No issues to raise.

12. Background papers (not previously published)
None.

13. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Minutes of the Health and Safety Committee 11 October 2022

Appendix 2 - Final DRAFT *Occupational Safety and Health Policy (2023)*

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