

Extract from minutes of Place and Resources Overview Committee on 7 June 2022

Modern Slavery Transparency Statement

The committee received and considered a report of the Service Manager Commercial and Procurement, which set out the proposed Dorset Council Modern Slavery Transparency Statement for the financial year 2021-22.

The committee considered the issues arising from the report and during discussion, the following areas were covered:

- The statement was reviewed on an annual basis
- The requirement for a generic point of contact on the Community Safety website
- Strengthening of word within paragraph 2.1 of the report to set out the role the Council 'must' have in this area
- Clarification of the wording in paragraph 8.1 of the report with regard to wellbeing issues
- Further information to be included with regard to how the Council looked at issues around supply chains.

Recommendation to Cabinet

That the proposed Modern Slavery Transparency Statement be approved, (subject to the amendments requested by the Place and Resources Overview Committee as set out above).

Response amendments to the above

- **The statement was reviewed on an annual basis**

As discussed in this report, it will be a requirement for the Council to publish a statement on an annual basis.

- **The requirement for a generic point of contact on the Community Safety website**

Note that the emergency response points of contact shown on the Community Safety website are generic. The section concerned (referenced by Place and Resource Overview Committee) holds points of contact for specific agency leads who can be contacted by professionals within their organisation for non-urgent advice and information to Modern Slavery. Many of these are external agencies however the Council's Community Safety team will work with the external agencies concerned to see whether it is possible and appropriate for them to provide generic points of contract.

Appendix 1

- **Strengthening of word within paragraph 2.1 of the report to set out the role the Council 'must' have in this area**

Amended. Refer to 2. "Commitment", paragraph 2.1 "The Council is committed to opposing Modern Slavery and recognises the role it **must** play as a public sector organisation in its identification and disruption".

- **Clarification of the wording in paragraph 8.1 of the report with regard to wellbeing issues**

Expanded. In this report, refer to 9. "Health and Well-being Implications", paragraph 9.1

- **Further information to be included with regard to how the Council looked at issues around supply chains.**

In this report added new paragraph to explain approach, refer to 4. "Our Supply Chain Due Diligence", and paragraph 5.2. "Staffing Training Available". In the Statement, expanded the last section of titled "Our Supply Chain Due Diligence" and last section titled "Training" to explain further the approach.