

Cabinet



Date of meeting:	11 August 2022
Title of Report:	Modern Slavery Update
Lead Member:	Councillor Rebecca Smith (Cabinet Member for Homes & Communities)
Lead Strategic Director:	Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)
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Your Reference:	MS 11.08.22
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part 1 - Official

Purpose of Report

This report provides an update to Cabinet on the ongoing work within the Council to tackle and prevent modern slavery. The Council has made a commitment to tackle modern slavery and publish a modern slavery statement annually and review the Council's Modern Slavery Policy.

Recommendations and Reasons

The paper asks Cabinet to:

- Note the progress made on the delivery of the Modern Slavery Action Plan (21/22) and the next steps required to further tackle modern slavery.
- Agree the updated Modern Slavery Statement.
- Agree the refreshed Modern Slavery Policy.

Alternative options considered and rejected

The option to do nothing has been rejected as the Council has made a commitment to combat modern slavery within its supply chains. A failure to publish an up-to-date Modern Slavery Statement and take action to prevent modern slavery could lead to the council incurring financial and legal penalties and could cause reputational damage.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The Council's Corporate Plan sets out our ambition to be one of Europe's most vibrant waterfront cities, where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone. Taking action to eradicate modern slavery either within our own supply chains or within the wider community aligns with all our corporate values;

- Democratic – we will empower people to make change happen
- Responsible – we are accountable for our actions and the impact we have on others
- Fair – we will treat everyone with respect and champion fairness
- Collaborative – we will provide strong community leadership and work together.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 03/08/2022

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Rebecca Smith (Cabinet Member for Homes & Communities) approved verbally.

Date approved: 19/07/2022