

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

INSURANCE RENEWAL

We are due to renew our general insurance policy on 1 September.

We have used a Town Council specialist broker to obtain the best price for us in the past. Due to the specialism and complexity of a local Council operation it would be sensible to use a specialist broker.

We have used WPS Hallam over a number of years and they have provided a very good service. The claims support we have received is timely and thorough, making the claims process swift and easy for the Council.

Their customer service with regards to enquiries and amendments has also been very good.

Their Health and Safety advice service, including site visits, have provided an excellent objective view of our operation which then enables officers to implement changes to further improve our procedures.

WPS Hallam and their team know our operation extremely well and so this enables our renewal to be completed without undue pressure on Officer time.

Attached is their document setting out their service to us. They are independent from insurance providers and go out to the market to obtain the best policy for us.

We renew the Council vehicle policy separately.

Something that has arisen this year is cover for voluntary groups working in the public realm or on our land unsupervised. Particularly litter picking. We are able to supply equipment to individuals or family groups, but any formal litter picking we are unable to support as our insurance currently does not cover this activity unless it is being directly supervised by a Town Hall employee.

Therefore, consideration should be given to exploring if this can be included in our policy within the set budget.

It is **recommended** that general insurance is renewed using the broker WPS Hallam and if this Committee agrees, litter-picking voluntary groups and other similar groups are included in the cover if this can be done within the insurance budget.

Jonathan Parsons
Town Clerk