

**CABINET – 13 JUNE 2019**

**Written Question from Ms Tanja Rebel of Cowes - Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Business Development**

**QUESTION**

“What the Cabinet and Council are going to do about minimising the exposure of island residents to electro-magnetic radiation”

**RESPONSE**

*“The council has a duty under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 to consider what might cause harm and take steps to prevent harm, not only to employees but also anyone who might be effected by our actions (or electrical equipment). EMF producing equipment (i.e. Wifi) are present in the majority, if not all council sites.*

*Specifically, The Control of Electromagnetic Fields at Work Regulations 2016 place duties on employers to assess and manage potential exposure to electromagnetic fields.*

*HSE guidance advises that the majority of employers will not need to take any additional action to reduce the risk from EMFs as in most workplaces EMF are already at safe levels. The council does assess the risk, but the council does not engage in any activity which causes any significant risk of schools, pupils or the wider island from EMF and so there are no significant findings that require any action to be taken. There is therefore no requirement or need for an action plan arising from the council’s actions.”*