

FULL COUNCIL

Written Question from Tanja Rebel of Cowes

QUESTION

It has come to my attention that employees moving into County Hall from this March will be working from lap tops and thus deploying wireless as the main form of electronic communication.

Is the Council aware that RF-EMF has been classified by WHO as a 2B carcinogen and that it has been linked in numerous studies to increased risk of diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancer + disturbance of the navigational compass of birds and bees?

RESPONSE

Thank you for your question. Any staff moves are the subject a full health and safety risk assessment. In their normal line of work appropriate staff at the council, particularly those whose jobs involve working remotely, are offered the choice of “plugging in” and using a wireless connection. Any changes to our working arrangements at County Hall , or elsewhere will maintain these principles of health and safety being paramount and choice between plug in and remote working.

The council maintains an overview of all key information and guidance related to workplace health and I can confirm we are fully compliant with all requirements regarding Health and Safety in connection with this matter.