

**CORPORATE SAFETY COMMITTEE – 10TH JULY 2003**

**SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT ACTION BY THE HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform members, Management and Trade Union Safety Representatives of enforcement action against this authority, taken recently by the Health and Safety Executive.

**2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 Following a visit to a construction site at Newbridge Comprehensive School where the Building Maintenance DLO was undertaking work, two Enforcement Notices were served on the Authority.
- 2.2 A Prohibition Notice was served in respect of a lack of edge protection on tower scaffolding and other elevated workplaces on the site.
- 2.3 Remedial work, to replace guardrails, previously removed to build a ramp, was completed by the following working day, obviating the terms of the Notice.
- 2.4 An Improvement Notice, requiring that site foremen receive further instruction in health and safety site management was also served. The Corporate Safety Unit has, on a number of occasions recommended that foremen receive appropriate training to ensure their competence and has facilitated several courses in the past.
- 2.5 An appropriate Course has been identified and arrangements made for 10 Supervisors and Foremen, who undertake contract work to receive instruction during July. Consideration is being given to a further, similar Course in the future.
- 2.6 In addition, a Course designed to equip Foremen and Supervisors to inspect scaffolding is being arranged.

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