

CORPORATE SAFETY COMMITTEE – 22ND JANUARY 2004

SUBJECT: TRANSPORT ISSUES AT COUNCIL PREMISES

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members, Management and Trade Union Safety Representatives of the legal requirement to ensure pedestrian safety in and around workplaces.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Regulation 17 of the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 requires that where vehicles and pedestrians use the same traffic routes, the safety of pedestrians is maintained by ensuring sufficient separation from vehicles.
- 2.2 The Corporate Safety Unit has commented, in a number of inspection reports for offices and depots, on the necessity of ensuring the safety of pedestrians and following a recent court case, issued a reminder to Liaison Officers on this subject.
- 2.3 Some work on ensuring the safety of pedestrians has already taken place at Ystrad Fawr, where a pathway from the main gate to the Cenotaph and a pedestrian crossing, from that point to the front doors, was installed some time ago. However, a more detailed draft transport management plan for Tiryberth Depot was produced last year. Little progress has been possible to date, but the next meeting of the Depot Management Group is expected to address the issue.
- 2.4 In the recent past an officer of the Corporate Safety Unit has been involved in effecting an improvement in pedestrian safety at the Civic Amenities Site at Tiryberth and has also advised on traffic management at the Cleansing Depot at Penmaen and Meals on Wheels kitchens.
- 2.5 There still exists a need for transport management plans to be considered for each of the Council's premises.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that Building Managers of Council premises investigate the pedestrian/vehicle interface at their premises, and take appropriate action.

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