

CORPORATE SAFETY COMMITTEE – 22ND JANUARY 2004

SUBJECT: RIVER OF LIGHT PROCESSION

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 measures taken to ensure the health and safety of participants at the event.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 On the evening of 18th December, 2003, the fourth annual River of Light procession was held at Caerphilly.

2.2 Around 700 children with lanterns, made, under supervision, by themselves, and a number of bands and dance troupes took part, watched by large crowds along the route.

2.3 The procession, travelled from the station car park to the green at the rear of the Castle, by way of Cardiff Road and St Fagans Street, for a firework display.

2.4 The Corporate Safety Unit was involved in the risk assessment process, firework safety, checking the route immediately before the start and liaising with the Police and the organiser.

2.5 Two officers attended the event as part of the Emergency Response Team.

2.6 No health and safety problems were encountered during the event, which was an unqualified success.

3. The Committee are asked to note this report.

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