

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 19TH APRIL 2004

SUBJECT: REVITALISING HEALTH AND SAFETY

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To acquaint Members of the Corporate Safety Committee with an approval by Cabinet on 6th April 2004 for the next step in revitalising health and safety within the authority.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 As part of the Action plan following the Best Value Review of Personnel Services it was agreed that a review of the provision of health and safety would be undertaken. Specifically it was “to conduct a review of health and safety management and activity to ensure that the systems and approaches are co-ordinated and cost effective”.
- 2.2 The terms of reference were agreed, and a group established to consider the current situation and make recommendations to the Corporate Management Team (CMT).
- 2.3 The Report entitled “Revitalising Health and Safety Within Caerphilly County Borough Council” was received by CMT on the 11th December 2004. CMT agreed that the Council should seek to provide an exemplar health and safety service and that the existing policy of a devolved structure where each Directorate is responsible for the health and safety of its own staff, visitors, clients and buildings should remain, along with an independent central unit responsible for policy, audits and monitoring. The report contained a broad description of the roles and responsibilities within the organisation. Clarification of the detailed division of roles and responsibilities would need to be agreed at a later stage.

3. THE REPORT

- 3.1 A detailed report was presented to Cabinet on 6th April 2004 which showed a detailed structure and recommended various roles and responsibilities within that structure.
- 3.2 A further report will be prepared on a revitalisation strategy to develop an exemplar health and safety services within the Authority.
- 3.3 The report which is attached was agreed by Cabinet.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Copy of the report entitled ‘Revitalising Health and Safety’ submitted to Cabinet on 6th April 2004