

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 19TH APRIL 2004

SUBJECT: ACCIDENT STATISTICS

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 numbers and types of industrial accidents which have occurred to staff of Caerphilly County Borough Council during the period 1st October to 31st December 2003.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrence Regulations 1995 require accidents which arise as a result of, or in connection with, work to be categorised as follows and reported to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE):-

- Fatal Accidents
- Major injury accidents, which include fracture of the skull, spine or pelvis, fracture of any bone in arm/wrist, leg/ankle, amputation of a limb, finger, thumb or toe, loss of sight of any eye or admission to hospital for more than twenty-four hours.
- Accidents which result in more than three consecutive days absence

2.2 In addition, if either of the following types of accident occur they too are reportable to the Enforcing Authority.

- Actual physical violence which results in any of the above
- An accident to a person not employed by the Authority, who is taken directly to hospital following an accident which occurs as a direct result of, in connection with, or arises out of the work activity.

2.3 The term 'all injury' accidents, refers to any accident not included in 2.1 or 2.2 and is not reportable to the Health and Safety Executive. Most of these accidents result in minor injuries. Accidents in this classification are reported to the Corporate Safety Unit only if they affect:-

- Employees whilst they are at work
- Pupils, clients and members of the public who are injured as a result of work activity whilst they are on Council premises or using the facilities
- Any persons who are injured as a result of any work activity carried out by or for the Authority.

3. ACCIDENT STATISTICS

3.1 A description of reportable accidents for each Directorate is shown in Appendix A.

3.2 The accident analysis form Appendix B splits the type of accident for each Directorate into three categories:

- Accident type
- Nature of injury
- Part of the body injured

3.3 A graph comparing this quarter's accidents, for each Directorate, with the same quarter in 2002 – 2003 is shown in Appendix C

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Accident Statistics