



## **CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 14TH JULY 2004**

**SUBJECT: ACTION BY THE ENFORCING AUTHORITIES**

**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 recent enforcement action taken by the H.S.E.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 A report, presented to the last meeting of this Committee, explained the circumstances surrounding a visit of an H.S.E. Inspector to a Primary School and the resulting service of a Prohibition Notice, requiring that the glazing at the premises was made safe.
- 2.2 Works to satisfy the terms of the Notice were carried out during the Easter break.
- 2.3 The question of the safety of glazing at all other schools is currently being addressed by way of risk assessments, which are being carried out by the Directorate Safety Officer.
- 2.4 The safety of glazing at all Council operated premises is currently being considered by Property Division.
- 2.5 Thought is being given to fitting safety glazing or safety film to the ground floor windows of all buildings, to a height of 2 metres above floor level, irrespective of the purpose for which the building is used.
- 2.6 A subsequent risk assessment would highlight any further glazed areas, which require to be made safe.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That members note the contents

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