

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 13TH OCTOBER 2004

SUBJECT: RECENT HSE UPDATES

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 recent updates in Health and Safety information, advice and guidance.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The HSE has issued new practical guidance for Home working, which illustrates good practise through case studies. The report RR262 - Health and Safety of Homeworkers: Good Practice Case Studies is available from HSE books and will be of use to Managers who have employees who periodically work from home.
- 2.2 The HSE has launched a new guidance document providing advice and information for employers, unions, safety representative and safety professionals on accident investigation. HSG 245 Investigating Accidents and Incidents is a step by step guide setting out the process of gathering information, analysis of information, identification of risk control measures, action planning and implementation. The publication is available from HSE books priced at £9.50.
- 2.3 A new website providing free up to date advice on waste management and recycling has been launched by the Health and Safety Executive. The website which can be accessed from the HSE's website at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/waste> has been launched in response to the waste industry's reputation as having the highest fatal injury rate which is more than 10 times the national average. The website should be of use to all those with responsibilities for waste and recycling in Local Authorities.
- 2.4 The Health and Safety Executive have recently launched a consultative document seeking views on the methods used by the Health and Safety Executive and Local Authorities to influence workplace health and safety standards. The consultative document is part of the HSE's drive to seek the most effective ways to improve health and safety standards in accordance with the HSC Strategy for Workplace Health and Safety in Great Britain to 2010 and beyond. The consultative period ends on 24th December 2004 and copies of the document can be obtained free of charge from HSE books.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the contents of the report be noted.

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