



## CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE - 12TH JANUARY 2005

**SUBJECT: GLAZING**

**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 the current position regarding glazing.

### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) places a legal requirement on employers to ensure that all glazing in workplaces is where necessary safety glazed or protected against breakage so that it breaks safely.
- 2.2 The HSE issued a prohibition notice on the Authority in April 2004 following an accident at a Plasyfelin Infants School.
- 2.3 The Education/Leisure Directorate has commenced a programme of glazing risk assessments undertaken by a competent contractor and remedial works to ensure that all glazing meets an acceptable standard.
- 2.4 This approach has been supported by the HSE and will be supplemented by guidance for Building Managers on glazing safety and a programme of corporate and directorate audits to ensure compliance.
- 2.5 The Property Division are currently preparing a report for CMT asking for the funding necessary to carry out glazing risk assessments on all premises. There is also likely to be a significant cost associated with remedial works that will need to be met from Directorate budgets.
- 2.6 It is expected the report will go to the Corporate Management Team on 13th January allowing a decision to be made as to progressing the issue.

### 3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the contents of the report be noted

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