



CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 4TH APRIL 2005

SUBJECT: HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDITS UPDATE

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 audits carried out by the Corporate Health and Safety Unit.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Corporate Health and Safety Unit commenced auditing in January with an annual target of 300 audits. This is likely to be revised.
- 2.2 It was decided that initial audits would be topic specific and would initially concentrate on asbestos management and fire safety. Areas to be audited are agreed in consultation with Directorate Health and Safety Officers.
- 2.3 To date 69 audits have been carried out by The Corporate Health and Safety Unit.
- 2.4 Initial audits have highlight some problems across all Directorates with the way asbestos and fire safety is managed and a decision was made to reduce the number of audits until a meeting could be arranged to discuss positive ways to improve the management of asbestos and fire safety. This meeting will take place on April 8th.
- 2.5 The Corporate Health and Safety Unit will report to the Corporate Health and Safety Committee on a quarterly basis as to audit's carried out and findings.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the contents of the report be noted.

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