

## **CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 4TH APRIL 2005**

**SUBJECT: HEALTH AND SAFETY LIAISON OFFICER GROUP**

**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 latest discussions that have taken place in the Health and Safety Liaison Officer Group.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Corporate Health and Safety Unit is responsible for developing corporate strategies and policies to facilitate the effective management of health and safety across the Authority.
- 2.2 Each Directorate takes responsibility for managing their own health and safety and employs a Senior Health and Safety Officer and a Health and Safety Officer to provide advice and support to Managers.
- 2.3 The Health and Safety Liaison Group consists of the Corporate Health and Safety Unit, Directorate Health and Safety Officers and Managers and meets on a monthly basis. The purpose of the group is to ensure consistency of advice and interpretation of legislation, to share information and develop coherent cross directorate strategies to effectively manage health and safety risks.
- 2.4 The notes of the most recent meeting, held on March 2nd 2005, are attached, as Appendix 1 for your information. The next meeting will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That the contents of the report be noted

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