

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE - 6TH OCTOBER 2005

SUBJECT: FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT - 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 the current position regarding fire risk assessments across the Authority.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 Following discussions with South Wales Fire and Rescue Service it was decided to implement a rolling programme of fire risk assessments across the Authority.

2.2 A decision was made to appoint an external contractor to carry out the assessments. This will allow an evaluation of existing fire precautions and arrangements in workplace buildings, identification of problem areas and allow the Authority to effectively manage the risk. Property services are leading on this issue.

2.3 The contract for carrying out fire risk assessments has been awarded to Monitor. This decision was based on price and quality.

2.4 Fire Risk Assessments will be carried out on a risk-prioritised basis with high risk premises e.g. sleeping accommodation being assessed first.

2.5 The contract is due to commence shortly and will run for 2 years.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the contents of the report be noted.

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