

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 12TH JULY 2006

SUBJECT: DRAFT HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY – MOBILE PHONES AND DRIVING

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 draft mobile phones and driving policy.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The Corporate Health and Safety Unit has prepared a draft Corporate Health and Safety policy on Mobile Phones and Driving, a copy of which is included in appendix one of this report.

2.2 This policy is required to ensure that the Authority meets its legal requirements as specified in the following legislation:

- The Health and Safety at Work etc Act, 1974
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- The Road Vehicle (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (Number 4) Regulations 2003

2.3 This policy has undergone extensive consultation and has been agreed by the following groups:

- Health and Safety Professionals Group
- Corporate Health and Safety Group, and
- HR Strategy Group.

2.4 This policy has also been subject to direct management consultation via the Directorate Safety Officers and has received agreement with the various union representatives.

2.5 A report was submitted to CMT seeking their position regarding the provision and use of hands free mobile phones within the Authority. This was necessary following discussion with Union Representatives, which failed to result in agreement on this issue. A decision was made by CMT that the use of hands free mobile phones within the criteria set out in the policy would be acceptable and this should be reflected in the CCBC policy on Mobile Phones and Driving.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the contents of the report be noted and the policy agreed.

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Appendix 1 – Draft Mobile Phones and Driving