

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 18TH OCTOBER 2006

**SUBJECT: DRAFT HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY – CONTROL OF SUBSTANCES
HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH (COSHH)**

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 Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Policy.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The Corporate Health and Safety Unit has prepared a draft Corporate Health and Safety policy on the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH), 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 Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (as amended).

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.

3. RECOMMENDATION

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

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