

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE - 18TH OCTOBER 2006

SUBJECT: RECENT HSE VISITS

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 HSE visits and action by the Health and Safety Executive.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The HSE visited the Authority at the beginning of July to follow up on a Refuse/Recycling Inspection carried out last year. As a result of the visit the HSE decided to issue an improvement notice on the Authority regarding route risk assessments. The improvement notice requires detailed route risk assessments for collection and is required to be complied with by December 2006. A working group has been set up to progress the recommendations made in the notice and also to ensure good practise is replicated across the Authority.
- 2.2 The HSE have issued an improvement notice on Education/Leisure as a result of an investigation following the Hafodyrynys Minibus crash last year. The improvement notice requires improved arrangements for selection of contractors, roles and responsibilities for operators, directors and escorts, information exchange across Directorates and with external agencies including collation of information held and its accessibility, procedure for CRB checks, arrangements for monitoring and recording and review of monitoring activities and allocation of resources to manage the contractor control system. The notice is required to be complied with by 20 December 2006. A working group has been set up to action the issues identified as part of the notice and to ensure sharing of good practise across the Authority.
- 2.3 The HSE have recently carried out a planned inspection on School Traffic Management. The Authority has not yet received the final report, however it is not expected to result in any formal action. It is anticipated that the report will make recommendations around traffic management risk assessments in schools, training and the need for review and monitoring of risk assessments.
- 2.4 The HSE have indicated they will carry out Health and Safety Inspections on Violence at Work in Children's Services, Manual Handling and Asbestos Management in 2007. These visits will form part of the HSE's planned inspection programme for Wales.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the contents of the report be noted.

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