AGENDA ITEM NO. 6(1)



CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 18TH OCTOBER 2006

SUBJECT: CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY GROUP

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 latest discussions that have taken place in the Corporate Health and Safety Group.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Corporate Health and Safety Unit is responsible for developing corporate strategies and polices 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 as a minimum a Senior Health and Safety Officer, and a Health and Safety Officer, to provide advice and support to Managers.
- 2.3 The Corporate Health and Safety Group (formally the, Health and Safety Liaison Group) consists of the Corporate Health and Safety Unit, Directorate Health and Safety Officers and Managers. The Group 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 within the Authority.
- 2.4 The notes of the meeting, held on 16th August 2006, are attached, as Appendix 1 for your information. The next meeting will take place on 26th October 2006.

3. **RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 That the contents of the report be noted.

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Appendix 1: Corporate Health and Safety Group - Notes of meeting held on 16/08/06