



CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 18TH APRIL 2007

SUBJECT: RECENT HSE UPDATES

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 updates in Health and Safety information, advice and guidance.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Working at Height (Amendment) Regulations 2007 came into force on 1st April 2007. These regulations will bring those paid to lead or train others in climbing or caving activities in the adventure activities sector within the scope of the Work at Height Regulations 2005.
- 2.2 The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 were expected to come into force on the 6th April 2007. These regulations will revise and simplify the existing Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 and incorporate with some minor changes, the Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996. The key changes include strengthening of the client's role to ensure arrangements made by other duty holders are sufficient. A new duty on designers to eliminate hazards and reduce risk; and replacement of a planning supervisor with the new role of CDM co-ordinator. The CDM 2007 Regulations will be supported by an Approved Code of Practice (ACoP) "Managing Health and Safety in Construction", (ISBN 9780717662234).
- 2.3 The proposed Corporate Manslaughter Bill has suffered a setback after the House of Lords voted in favour of an amendment which would extend the Bill to cover deaths in prisons and police cells. It is currently unclear how the Bill will progress although the Government have indicated they are still committed to introducing the Bill.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the contents of the report be noted.

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