

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 10TH OCTOBER 2007

SUBJECT: CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members, Management and Trade Union Safety Representatives on the provision of Corporate Health and Safety Training.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The delivery of health and safety training in particular the delivery of 'Building Managers' Training and 'Middle-Managers' training is agreed to be essential in terms of improving health and safety standards across the Authority and improving the health and safety culture.
- 2.2 'Building Managers' training covers premises related health and safety issues and set out for Building Managers their responsibilities regarding issues such as Asbestos, Legionella, Fire Safety, Electrical Testing, Lifts, Glazing etc. To date 34 courses have taken place and 239 Building Managers have attended the training.
- 2.3 A 'middle-managers' health and safety training package has been developed by the Health and Safety Trainer. It is anticipated that training will commence early in 2008.
- 2.4 Asbestos training for front-line employees e.g. plumbers, plasters, carpenters has also been identified as high priority. As a result the Health and Safety Trainer has developed and commenced delivery of an asbestos awareness training package. To date 11 courses have been delivered and 72 employees trained.
- 2.5 Asbestos training was also identified as necessary following the HSE requiring the Authority to inform tenants of the possible presence of asbestos in council houses. A course was developed covering asbestos awareness and the potential queries. To date 6 courses have taken place and 36 employees have received training. An additional 5 course are planned shortly.
- 2.6 The Corporate Health and Safety Trainer has recently left the post to take up employment elsewhere in the Authority. CMT recognising the importance of health and safety trainer have agreed to fund the post for a further year and the post will be advertised on an 18 month contract shortly.
- 2.7 It is recognised that provision of health and safety training is essential both to meet our legal obligations and to progress the Council's objective of becoming an exemplar of health and safety performance.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the contents of the report be noted.

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