

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 18TH JUNE 2008

SUBJECT: DRAFT ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT POLICY

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members, Management and Trade Union Safety Representatives of the proposed updated Asbestos Management Policy.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The Authority currently has in place Asbestos Management Policy dating back to June 2006.

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 Asbestos Regulations 2006.

2.3 The existing policy has been updated to take into account the HSE's current focus on the need to have an Asbestos Management Plan in place for each premise.

2.4 The policy sets out the Authority's commitment to managing asbestos and also sets out responsibilities in terms of managing asbestos and ensuring legal compliance. The practicalities and process for managing asbestos is contained in the Asbestos Management Plan.

2.5 This policy has been subject to consultation with the following groups:

- Health and Safety Professionals Group
- Corporate Health and Safety Group
- Management consultation via Directorate Health and Safety Officers
- Direct Union consultation

2.6 Progress of this policy to CMT and Cabinet for final approval is subject to approval from this group.

2.7 Following the policy being agreed, the Corporate Health and Safety Unit will provide health and safety policy briefings for managers on this policy together with the Asbestos Management Plan.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the contents of the report be noted and the policy agreed (subject to agreement by HR Strategy Group), or agreed subject to amendments to allow the Policy to be submitted to CMT and Cabinet.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Draft Asbestos Management Policy