



CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 18TH JUNE 2008

SUBJECT: DRAFT ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

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 Asbestos Management Plan.

2. SUMMARY

2.1. The Authority currently has in place Asbestos Management Policy dating back to June 2006 however there is a legal requirement for all premises to have in place an Asbestos Management Plan.

2.2 This plan 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 Asbestos Management Plan is bespoke for each premises and sets out the Building Managers, deputy, details the location of Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM's) present in the premises and also provides a location for all correspondence and documentation related to asbestos management e.g. quarterly checks.

2.4 The plan also details the emergency arrangements, processes for working on the fabric of the building, engaging a contractor, investigating an incident etc. The purpose of the document is to provide a easy to read reference point and to give Managers clear information on how to manage ACM's in their premises

2.5 This Asbestos Management Plan 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 Management Plan being agreed, the Corporate Health and Safety Unit will provide health and safety policy briefings for managers on the revised Asbestos Management Policy and 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 Plan