

## **CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – JUNE 18TH 2008**

**SUBJECT: ACCIDENT STATISTICS REPORT**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members, Management and Trade Union Safety Representatives of the numbers and types of work related accidents/incidents, which have occurred, during the period of January – March 2008.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrence Regulations 1995 require accidents which arise as a result of, or in connection with, work to be categorised as follows and reported to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE):-
- Fatal Accidents
  - Major injury accidents, which include fracture of the skull, spine or pelvis, fracture of any bone in arm/wrist, leg/ankle, amputation of a limb, finger, thumb or toe, loss of sight of any eye or admission to hospital for more than twenty-four hours
  - Accidents which result in more than three consecutive days absence
- 2.2 In addition, if either of the following types of accident occur they too are reportable to the Enforcing Authority:
- Actual physical violence which results in any of the above
  - An accident to a person not employed by the Authority, who is taken directly to hospital following an accident which occurs as a direct result of, in connection with, or arises out of the work activity.
- 2.3 The term 'non reportable' accident or incident, refers to any accident or incident that is not included in 2.1 or 2.2 and therefore is not reportable to the Health and Safety Executive. Most of these accidents result in minor injuries. Accidents in this classification are reported to the Corporate Health and Safety Unit only if they affect:-
- Employees whilst they are at work
  - Pupils, clients and members of the public who are injured as a result of work activity whilst they are on Council premises or using the facilities
  - Any persons who are injured as a result of any work activity carried out by or on behalf of the Authority.

### **3. ACCIDENT STATISTICS**

- 3.1 Appendix 1 provides details on all of the accidents, for the Authority, that have been reported to Health and Safety Officers between January and March 2008. These are categorised by accident type and by type of incident, e.g. non-reportable, over three days lost time or restricted duties and major injury.
- 3.2 Appendix 2 details the Reportable Accidents Per Directorate January and March 2008.
- 3.3 It should be noted that the accident stats have been updated for 2008 to reflect the changes to some service areas and where they now report, e.g. Parks having moved from the Directorate of Education and Leisure to the Environment Directorate, will increase the number of accidents being reported within the Directorate of the Environment. Similarly accidents involving catering staff are now categorised under Education and Leisure Directorate rather than the Directorate of Chief Executives.
- 3.4 As can be seen from Appendix 1 we experienced over this quarter a high number of incidences of violence towards employees. These have mainly been non-reportable incidents and only show incidents where a physical injury has occurred. Appendix 3 provides a summary of these incidents. As can be seen these incidents have taken place within Social services and Education and Leisure and are mainly due to the nature of the service that we provide and the challenging behaviour that some of our service users present.
- 3.5 Appendix 4 – Reportable Accident Comparison October- December 2006 Vs 2007.

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 The Committee are asked to note and discuss the content of this report.

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#### Appendices:

- Appendix 1 Accidents Reported to Health and Safety Officers between January and March 2008  
Appendix 2 Reportable Accidents Per Directorate January and March 2008  
Appendix 3 Summary  
Appendix 4 Reportable Accident Comparison October- December 2006 Vs 2007