



CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 15TH SEPTEMBER 2008

SUBJECT: DRAFT NOISE AT WORK POLICY AND CORPORATE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

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 Noise at Work Policy and Corporate Management Arrangements on Noise at Work.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Corporate Health and Safety Unit has prepared a draft Corporate Health and Safety policy on the Control of Noise at Work, a copy of which is included in appendix one of this report. Corporate Management Arrangements on the Control of Noise at Work have also been prepared and are included in appendix two of this report.
- 2.2 This policy and corporate management arrangements are 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 Noise at Work Regulations 2005
- 2.3 The policy and corporate management arrangements have undergone extensive consultation and have been agreed by the following groups:
- Health and Safety Professionals Group
 - Corporate Health and Safety Group
 - Management Consultation via Directorate Health and Safety Officers
 - HR Strategy Group
 - Direct Union Consultation
- 2.4 Progress of this policy to CMT and Cabinet for final approval is subject to approval from this group.
- 2.5 Following the policy being agreed, the Corporate Health and Safety Unit will provide health and safety policy briefings for managers on the control of Noise at Work Policy and Corporate Management Arrangements on the Control of Noise at Work.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the contents of the report be noted and the policy and corporate management arrangements agreed, or agreed subject to amendments to allow the Policy and corporate management arrangements to be submitted to CMT and Cabinet.

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