



CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 11TH FEBRUARY 2009

SUBJECT: LEGIONELLA UPDATE

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 current position regarding the ongoing concerns with the legionella contracts.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 There were 3 contracts in place for the completion of legionella risk assessments and for annual, 6 monthly and quarterly checks on water systems in accordance with legislation and HSE guidance. The three contractors were Aquastat, Airmec and Hydroclean.
- 2.2 Following concerns with the quality of assessments, quality checks were undertaken, initially on one premises assessed by each of the contractors (three in total). These quality checks highlighted that the assessments completed by Airmec and Hydroclean were to an acceptable standard, however the assessments carried out by Aquastat were substandard.
- 2.3 2 further quality checks were carried out on assessments completed by Aquastat that again highlighted quality concerns. Following a meeting with Aquastat the contract was terminated at the beginning of December.
- 2.4 6 monthly and quarterly checks previously carried out by Aquastat are now being completed by Hydraclean. A new contract will be put in place for legionella risk assessments and checks previously carried out by Aquastat and all premises previously assessed by Aquastat will be subject to a new legionella risk assessments. There will be a cost implication associated with carrying out new assessments and a report will be submitted to CMT allowing them to discuss and approve this course of action.
- 2.5 Recently further concerns have been raised through Education/Leisure as to the quality of the assessments and works carried out by Airmec. These concerns are currently being investigated and a decision will shortly be taken on how to proceed.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the contents of the report be noted.
- 3.2 That a further report is brought to the next meeting providing an update on the outcome of the Airmec concerns.

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