



## CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 11TH FEBRUARY 2009

**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 that occurred during the period of October - December 2008.

### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences 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 October and December 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 between October and December 2008 and details those accident that occurred to members of the public which were reported
- 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 Chief Executive's Directorate.
- 3.4 Appendix 3 provides an accident comparison per directorate between October- December 2007 Vs 2008.

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

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

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#### Appendices:

- Appendix 1 Accidents for the Authority reported between October and December 2008
- Appendix 2 Reportable Accidents Per Directorate between October and December 2008
- Appendix 3 Accident comparison per directorate between October and December 2007 Vs 2008