

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 12TH AUGUST 2009

SUBJECT: ELECTED MEMBER HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARENESS TRAINING

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 proposals to offer member workshops to raise members' health and safety awareness.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Members play an important part in health and safety at Caerphilly CBC both in terms of supporting health and safety initiatives and seeking to drive up standards, and in terms of the decisions they may make as part of their political remit.
- 2.2 To date no formal health and safety awareness training has been provided to elected members.
- 2.3 IOSH recently produced a health and safety booklet for elected members, 'Think about health and safety – what elected members of local authorities need to know.' A brief presentation has recently been launched by IOSH to support the booklet.
- 2.4 It is proposed that all elected members are sent a copy of the booklet and invited to attend a short member workshop of 1 to 1.5 hours. The workshop will be based around the IOSH booklet and presentation and will allow elected members the opportunity to discuss health and safety with regard to their role and responsibilities and also to ask any questions.
- 2.5 It is suggested that the IOSH booklets are sent out in September with the briefing sessions taking place in October and November.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the contents of the report be noted.

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