



## CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 21ST NOVEMBER 2011

**SUBJECT: ACCIDENT STATISTICS REPORT FOR QUARTER 2 JULY -  
SEPTEMBER 2011**

**REPORT BY: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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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 July – September 2011.

### 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 Health and Safety Division 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 July and September 2011. 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.

Appendix 2 details the Reportable Accidents Per Directorate between July and September 2011 and details those accidents that occurred to members of the public that were reported. The main accident causes were injuries whilst lifting, handling or carrying and injuries caused by a slip, trip or fall on the same level.

3.2 There were 3 major injuries that occurred during the quarter. These were:

3.2.1 An individual who slipped whilst litter picking on a grass verge and fractured his ankle. Appropriate PPE was being worn at the time, including recently issued suitable boots. The risk assessment was reviewed following the accident.

3.2.2 An individual was in a road traffic accident, involving two CCBC vehicles. He was sent to hospital and diagnosed with a hairline fracture of the wrist. The investigation is ongoing.

3.2.3 An individual was climbing over a dividing wall to gain access to a property when he fell from a height of approx 1m, fracturing his ankle. An investigation has been completed and the individual has been reminded of the need to ensure he accesses properties in a safe manner.

3.3 For the purposes of reporting staff who are working for the Authority via an agency are treated as employees.

3.4 It should be noted that recently there has been a change in the management structure within the Authority, with certain service areas now falling under different Directorates.

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

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

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Appendices:  
Appendix 1 All accidents by Type for the Authority  
Appendix 2 Reportable accidents by Type and Directorate