



CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 19TH NOVEMBER 2012

**SUBJECT: ACCIDENT STATISTICS REPORT FOR QUARTER 1 APRIL –
JUNE 2012**

REPORT BY: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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 April - June 2012.

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 seven 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 April and June 2012. 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 April and June 2012 and details those accidents that occurred to members of the public that were reported. The main accident causes were injuries caused by a slip, trip or fall on the same level.

3.2 There were 2 major injuries that occurred during the quarter. These were:

3.2.1 An accident to a member of staff who's hand was trapped whilst unloading bollards. It was assumed at the hospital that the hand was fractured.

3.2.2 An accident to a member of staff who was carrying a pallet (with 2 other individuals) when the load, which was heavier than anticipated, became unstable and the pallet crushed the individual's hand against the van door, fracturing his wrist.

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.

3.5 In April 2012 the reporting requirements under RIDDOR changed. We now have to record accidents resulting in more than three consecutive days' absence/reduced duties; however we only have to report accidents resulting in more than seven consecutive days' absence to the HSE. As such 'over 3 day injuries' are no longer reflected in the reportable accident stats graph (appendix 2).

4. RECOMMENDATION

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

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Accidents for the Authority Reported between April and June 2012

Appendix 2 Reportable Accidents Per Directorate between April and June 2012