



CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 17TH NOVEMBER 2014

**SUBJECT: DRIVER CERTIFICATE OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE TRAINING
UPDATE**

REPORT BY: INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The following report is provided to Elected Members, Union Representatives and Officers as a formal update on the progress of the driver CPC training programme.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Under European Union Directive (96/26EC) professional bus, coach and lorry drivers must hold a driver CPC in addition to their driving licence, this applies to any drivers of lorries over 3.5 tonnes. All drivers must complete 35 hours of periodic training every five years and on an on-going basis. This requirement came into effect in September 2009 with a 5 year deadline to September 2014.

3. REPORT

3.1 Driver CPC training in Caerphilly Council commenced in 2011 and Caerphilly adopted the modular approach and ran 5 sessions lasting 7hrs each session, with health and safety and fleet services delivering the 5 modules. The 5 modules were:

- Module 1 – Compliance / defect reporting,
- Module 2 – Hours & tachographs / safe loading of vehicles,
- Module 3 – Health and Safety
- Module 4 – Emergency first aid,
- Module – Driving in the modern era.

3.2 Since 2011 health and safety and fleet services have trained 245 drivers, all completing the 35hrs by the 9th September 2014 deadline, thus ensuring there are no operational disruptions.

3.3 In addition, Caerphilly Council were approached by Torfaen and Blaenau Gwent Council to deliver the Driver CPC programme to their drivers. Torfaen put forward 65 drivers with 30 completing all 5 modules with Caerphilly, the remaining 35 attended up to module 4 but then gained further CPC hours by winter maintenance courses with Raglan Training. Blaenau Gwent put forward 62 with all 62 completing 5 modules with Caerphilly Council.

3.4 Going forward, the Driver CPC programme will start again in October 2014 with a 5 year timescale for delivering 35 hours of training for the relevant drivers.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no Equalities implications for the Council arising from this report.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct financial implications for the Council arising from this report.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct personnel implications arising from this report.

7. CONSULTATIONS

7.1 All consultations have been reflected in the report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That Committee Members note the contents of the update report.

9. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Committee Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

10. STATUTORY POWERS

10.1 Not applicable to the report.

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