

Chairs' Committee
4 September 2008
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Report of the Chief Executive

Police Authority Health and Safety Policy and Procedure

RECOMMENDED that the Police Authority Health and Safety Policy and Procedure as attached to this report be adopted.

Introduction

1. The Police Authority has legal obligations with regard to providing and maintaining a healthy and safe working environment, so far as is reasonably practicable, for its employees.
2. The Authority also accepts that it has a duty to protect the health and safety of Members of the Authority, volunteers acting in fulfillment of the Authority's functions and all visitors to the Authority, including any members of the public likely to be affected by its work.
3. The health and safety policy and procedure sets out how the Authority will undertake its responsibilities.

Background Information

4. The policy and procedure has been drafted to reflect legislative requirements and complement the draft Force Health and Safety Policy (the latter will be presented to the Authority's Human Resources Committee on 17 September 2008).
5. The draft policy and procedure has been compiled taking into account advice from the Authority's HR Advisor.
6. The Authority's staff have been consulted about the draft policy and had opportunity to influence the content.

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