
REPORT TO:	FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT	AGENDA ITEM: 9
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REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO:
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SUBJECT:	STATEMENT OF INTENT IN REGARD TO ASBESTOS WITHIN COUNCIL OWNED BUILDINGS	REF: c:\myfiles\com\HCS\ Statement of Intent
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE:FM01

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Committee approves the Statement of Intent in regard to managing asbestos within council owned premises.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 The Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002, parts of which come into effect on 21st May 2004 and places a duty upon employers, landlords, tenants managing agents and others who have maintenance responsibilities for properties. The Council need to ensure effective arrangements are established and used to control the risks to persons from asbestos containing materials within all of our premises.
- 2.2 The Asbestos Statement of Intent attached at Annexe 'A' is a statement signed by the Chief Executive and the Leader outlining this Authority's commitment to the methods adopted by the Authority to secure the safe management of asbestos within all our premises.
- 2.3 The Statement of Intent is the first stage and will be supplemented by suitable procedures and policies. The procedures will describe how the Authority intends to determine in detail, the places within buildings where asbestos is situated and how essential information as to the location of asbestos, type, condition and action required is brought to the attention of employee's, contractors, leaseholders of buildings owned by the Authority.
- 2.4 The policy and procedures will also include the methods of how the Authority will deal with situations when works are undertaken within our premises by DLO and external contractors on asbestos materials which are low risk. High risk materials will be dealt with by licensed Asbestos Contractors.
- 2.5 Suitable training will be undertaken by all relevant staff on general asbestos awareness and the tradesmen will be given additional training so they are competent in safe handling and disposal of low risk asbestos materials.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications regarding this report.

4.0 Background Papers

4.1 Asbestos Statement of Intent