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# The Employers View

## Procurement of Waste and Recycling Services

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- LGE Support for WISH and GB strategy
- LGA group response to GB strategy
- LGE view to the guidance
- What we want LAs to do
- What we want to guidance to deliver



## Some Quick Background

- **WLGA Part of wider LGA group but lessening**
- **Environment including Waste and Recycling - Devolved**
- **Workforce issues – Health and Safety – Non-Devolved**
- **Workforce issues – Local Government Employers.**



# WISH charter signing and strategy launch





# LGE view of WISH charter and Strategy

- The most effective way of tackling accidents and ill health
- Need to address H&S issues in an expanding industry with a poor record
- Support very strongly the themes of the charter
- The accident reduction target is a challenge
- Recognise the role of LAs in deliver the themes
- 50-60% waste and recycling services In England are in house
- 90% in Wales

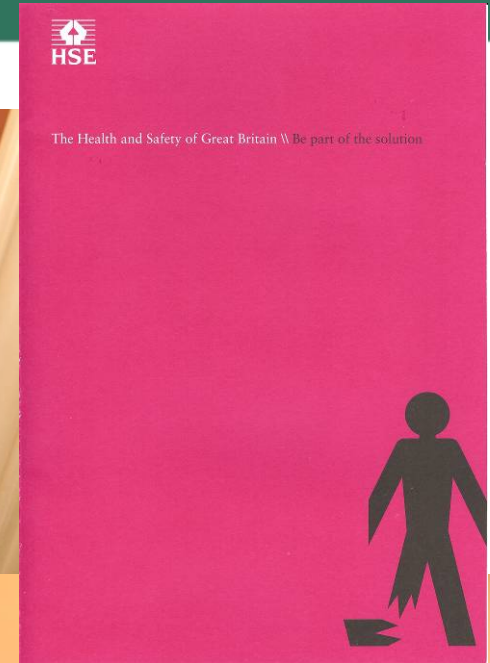


# Occupational ill health challenge

- HSL research project
- Poor data on occupational ill health within LA sector
- WISH agreed recording metrics.
- Roll out across local authorities
- HSE to collate data
- Use it to develop interventions



# WISH and the HSE Strategy





# The Health and Safety of Great Britain/ Be part of the solution June 2009

- Sir Steve Bullock LGE Chair signed up on behalf of LGA group
- Public sector as exemplars
- Key goal creating safer healthier workplaces
- Waste and recycling is recognised as a priority activity
- Delivering WISH targets part of GB strategy delivery
- Everyone has a role in delivery
  - LGA group
  - Local authorities
    - Officers
    - Members
  - Contractors



# LGA group response to the GB Strategy

- Working better across central bodies
- Greater engagement and higher profile
- Working more closely with HSE strategically
- Guidance launch events
- Leadership event 10th March to develop priorities
  - Officers
  - Elected Members
- Jointly identifying LA challenges and priorities
- Exploring interventions which will deliver



## Individual LA response to WISH and GB strategies

- Move health and safety up corporate priorities
- Check local H&S priorities and put in place proactive interventions
- Waste and recycling is a priority activity
- Promote leadership on health and safety (officer and member)
- Effectively train your people on health and safety
- Revitalise Union engagement
- Help those who provide you with goods and services (procurement)
- Close match with GB and WISH strategies



# LGE view of the guidance

- Pleased HSE took the opportunity to develop the guidance
- Grateful to be able to contribute to its development across LGA group
- Does not focus on detail gives an overview
- General principles can be applied in the procurement of any service
- Principles easily understood by non-procurement people
- Web based-allows for easy updating
- Widely and easily accessible
- Case studies bring the process to life
- Ability to build up the portfolio of case studies
- LGA group will be heavily promoting the value of the guidance



# What LAs should do with the guidance

- Promote and use it!
- Ensure those involved in procurement of services are aware of the guidance
- Mainstream the principles with their procurement processes
- Use it to promote contractor health and safety performance as a significant criterion for contractor selection
- Ensure that contractors understand the importance delivering services safely
- Creates the framework to ensure contractor H&S standards are improved
- Provide further case studies of good practice



# What we hope the guidance will deliver

- Fewer accidents and cases of occupational ill health (contribute to delivery of WISH and GB strategy targets)
- Fewer injured and ill people
- Less pain and suffering
- Reduced losses (time, money etc)
- Better service delivery
- Best value achieved in service delivery
- Better understanding of H&S issues within waste and recycling services by procurement officers and contractors
- Better contract management/monitoring
- **Safer, more efficient waste and recycling services**



# In Conclusion .....

- LGA group (including WLGA) support WISH and GB strategies
- LGA group recognise the role of LAs in delivering the twin strategies
- Particular challenges around ill health
- Commend the procurement guidance to councils
- Hope to see continued improvement in accident performance.
- Partnership - Together we can deliver the WISH targets



# New on line community

- Open to anyone in Local government with an interest in health and safety in waste and recycling services
- Do not need to be a health and safety expert
- Need to have a .gov.uk domain
  - Facilities
  - Events diary
  - Document diary
  - Forum
  - Problem solving
  - Information exchange
- To join, [www.communities.idea.gov.uk](http://www.communities.idea.gov.uk) in search box type waste and recycling health and safety forum and search then click join



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# Thank you for listening

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