

DRAFT SSHSCC PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2004

BACKGROUND

1. Following discussion of Paper SSHSCC/48/A, it was agreed that all members consider the contribution they feel able to make to the items on the expanded programme of work suggested in the paper and notify these to the Secretariat.

SUMMARY

2. This Paper sets out a draft of a programme of work for SSHSCC for discussion and agreement at the 49th meeting with a view to formal high profile launching at the 50th meeting.

DISCUSSION

3. The purpose of this paper is to collate the contributions of members following discussion at the 48th meeting as a basis for discussion and agreement of a programme of work at the 49th meeting.

4. The contributions and a draft programme of work are attached as an Appendix.

5. It is proposed that development of a programme of work be tied in with the 50th meeting in April 2004. It is hoped that this meeting can be given a high profile. Launching a SSHSCC programme of work that clearly supports the HSC/E priorities should provide the required high profile.

6. If such a plan can be agreed at the 49th meeting in December steps can be taken to plan for a high profile event.

7. For an agreed programme of work to be delivered, arrangements will be needed to monitor progress. This could be the basis of future meeting with members reporting progress in their yards and working groups nominating a spokesperson to report on their work/progress.

ACTION

8. Members are asked to:

- note the contents of the draft programme of work in the Appendix;
- discuss the draft programme at the 49th meeting;
- be prepared to agree and support a programme of work;
- consider arranging for a senior manager to attend the 50th meeting to sign up to an agreed programme of work; and
- agree arrangements for monitoring the agreed programme of work.

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Accidents due to falls

1. This is a priority topic for HSC/E and it would be valuable to be able to include in the programme of work.
2. Several yards are currently active with initiatives on this issue. Paper 48/A suggests the basis of an initiative that could be adopted across yards but a suggestion has also been made to adopt a target for reduction and leave detail to individual yards. However, the proposals in Paper 48/A are commended as a starting point for yards who do not have an initiative in place.
3. If a target is adopted, it may be more appropriate to set this over a longer timescale than one year. The Revitalising programme from which this priority topic was developed sets a target date of 2010.
4. Future meetings could discuss action in member's yards and the success or difficulties experienced.

Accidents due to slips and trips

5. As with falls, this is a priority topic for HSC/E. If an approach to adopt a target is adopted for falls, it may also be appropriate for slips and trips.

Work in confined spaces

6. Paper 48/A proposed a working group to develop a programme, arrange venues and speakers. A later stage would look for volunteers to deliver 3 regional events based on the work of this working group.
7. Fleet Support Ltd., Babcock Naval Services and VT Shipbuilders Ltd have expressed an interest in assisting with this issue. A&P Tyne and Devonport Management Ltd. have expressed an interest in assisting with regional events.

Revision of guidance – DSEAR

8. The proposal for this item is to review the Approved Codes of Practice and Guidance on the Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations. Four ACOPs were published on 12 November covering the following topics:
 - design of plant, equipment and workplaces;
 - storage of dangerous substances;

- control and mitigation measures; and
- safe maintenance, repair and cleaning procedures.

A final general ACOP will be published in early December.

The review should advise members whether additional guidance appears to be required for shipyards.

9. BAE Systems Naval Ships, A&P Tyne and P&K Consultants (Jeff Arkle) have expressed an interest in assisting with this issue.

Stress

10. This issue was suggested at the 48th meeting and could possibly involve a trial of the HSE draft management standards and associated material on stress available on the HSE web site. Perhaps a report and recommendations could be prepared for discussion at a future meeting to be specified.

11. A&P Tyne, BAE Systems Naval Ships, Babcock Naval Services (Faslane) and VT Shipbuilders Ltd have expressed an interest in assisting with this issue.

Control of contractors

12. Again, this issue was suggested at the 48th meeting. Fleet Support Ltd., Devonport Management Ltd., BAE Systems Naval Ships and Babcock Naval Services (Faslane) have expressed an interest in assisting with this issue. It would be useful to include representation from a smaller yard and/or a yard dealing predominately with commercial owners.

Chromate primers

13. Removal of chromate primers has been discussed at several recent meetings. Development of guidance on this issue would contribute to the HSC/E chemicals strategy and assist in setting a level playing field amongst yards for this difficult work. A suitable starting point may be to consider the benefits and any difficulties associated with the recommendations made to the 48th meeting.

14. Fleet Support Ltd. have expressed an interest in assisting with this issue and Babcock Engineering Services (Rosyth) are considering their ability to contribute.