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HSC Commission Stakeholder Conference, 10 October 2006, London

Good Jobs, Good Health Conference - Progress report

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Issue

1. To note the format and structure for HSC's stakeholder conference developed by the HSC/E Steering Group, the supporting arrangements and the progress to date. The central theme of the conference, being held in London on 10 October 2006, will be Good Jobs, Good Health.

Timing

2. Routine.

Recommendation

3. That the Commission note :
 - the proposed structure and content of their 2006 stakeholder conference
 - the supporting arrangements that have been put in place and the progress to date
 - the proposals concerning their role and responsibilities on the day.

Background

4. The Commission, having considered the evaluation results for their 2005 stakeholder conference and the success of that conference in meeting its objectives in building and developing stakeholder engagement, asked Commissioners Danny Carrigan and Judith Donovan to work with HSE officials to develop proposals for the 2006 conference. The resulting HSC/E Steering Group, chaired by Danny Carrigan, has put in place arrangements for the Commission's 2006 Stakeholder Conference – with the theme "Good Jobs, Good Health" which will be held at the Institution of Civil Engineers, One Great George Street, London, SW1 on 10 October from 10.00am – 3.30pm.

Conference structure and content

5. The main aims of the Conference are to :
 - Build and maintain productive relations with our key stakeholders including leaders from business, public sector, trade union and professional bodies
 - define the work we need to undertake with our stakeholders to build awareness, understanding and support for the **Health, Work and Well-Being** agenda and agree the actions we will take forward in partnership with our stakeholders
 - Provide the opportunity for Commissioners to further develop relations with key stakeholders and to be visible and accessible
6. A draft programme is attached at Annex 1. The programme has been structured to appeal to a wide range of key stakeholders, to give those attending the opportunity to actively contribute to the discussions recognising some of those attending will only be able to attend part of the event. The conference is a mix of keynote presentations, a debate with speakers drawn from leading stakeholders on Good Jobs, Good Health, workshops addressing key questions that go to the heart of how we take forward the Health, Work and Well-Being agenda and the opportunity for those attending to review and endorse the key actions emerging from the day.
7. The conference will be opened by Bill Callaghan, HSC Chair, with Commissioners Judith Donovan and Liz Snape facilitating throughout the day, linking the various sessions, setting the scene for invited speakers, and generally ensuring that the goals of the conference are met and time managed effectively. Lord Hunt has agreed to moderate the planned debate, "Should health and safety be involved in the good jobs, good health agenda?". After the debate, 3 workshops will take place. Two Commissioners will be leading each of the three workshops – with one Commissioner chairing and another reporting back emerging issues and actions to the plenary over lunch. Following the debate, Danny Carrigan will summarise the debate and points made and the way forward.
8. The plan is to have two keynote speakers – one from a major organisation active in taking forward the health agenda to open the conference – and a Government Minister to address the audience over lunch. We are currently awaiting confirmation whether the invited speakers will be able to attend. The HWWB Summit video, "Joe's story" will be shown early on to help promote discussion.

The four speakers for the debate and Dame Carol Black, who will speak directly after the video, have all confirmed that they will be attending. In conclusion Geoffrey Podger, HSE's Chief Executive and Bill Callaghan will summarise the key themes emerging from the day and the actions HSC/E and stakeholders will be seeking to take forward.

9. Commissioners to note they will be briefed in due course on their individual roles and responsibilities for the day. A briefing note will be circulated shortly. Officials will be on hand to assist Commissioners with preparation and also to provide support on the day of the Conference. Commissioners have been paired up for workshops as follows:

Sayeed Khan and John Longworth

John Spanswick and Margaret Burns

Hugh Robertson and Sandy Blair

Workshops will be assigned shortly and relevant officials will be in touch with briefing.

Audience

10. We are planning for 250 stakeholders to attend the conference. Invitations have been sent out to 600 people identified as key within stakeholder and partners organisations considered important in helping HSC/E take forward the HSC Strategy and supporting programmes. To date we have received 110 acceptances from people planning to attend the whole event. Invitations were sent out separately to business, public sector and trade union leaders to attend the lunchtime session including the keynote presentation from a Minister and the report back from the workshops. We are confident that our ongoing marketing and promotion efforts will ensure that our target are achieved both on numbers attending and stakeholders represented.

Consultation

11. Chair's Office, Policy Group, Communications Delivery Service, Communications Directorate, Secretariat and Press Office.

Presentation

12. The event will be branded HSC with the central theme of Health, Work and Well –Being. Appropriate displays and marketing will be used. An HSC Press release is planned. Press and media will be invited to the conference.

Costs and Benefits

13. £62k of HSE resources have been allocated for this conference. Benefits include helping to build stakeholder awareness and support for the Health Work and Well-Being agenda with the objective of persuading stakeholders to commit and work with HSC/E and Government to take forward the Health, Work and Well-Being agenda. Efforts have been made to secure financial sponsorship support with approaches to insurers and investors who have been active in promoting good health and safety. To date none of those approaches have borne fruit.

Financial/Resource Implications for HSE

14. The resources allocated for the conference form part of the corporate communications budget. The budgeted resource will cover all costs including the hire of the venue, refreshments, delegate management, invitations, displays and marketing as well as the costs of putting this proposal together and planning/managing the event.

Action

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