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HSC's Workplace Strategy: Second year report to the Minister

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Issue

1. A report to the Minister on some of the work HSE has put in place during the second year of the Strategy.

Timing

2. We intend to deliver the report to Ministers at the end of April 2006.

Recommendation

3. That Commissioners note the draft report attached at Annex 1.

Background

4. In March 2005, we reported on the first year of the Strategy. The report, *Moving to Delivery*, highlighted the early successes of the Strategy and stressed the importance of maintaining the strategic course set. See link: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/plans/hscplans/janekennedy.pdf>.

Argument

5. Twelve months further on, we are confident that this strategic course is the right one. HSE is now a far more delivery-focused organisation and the progress against the Revitalising midpoint targets suggests that the programmes put in place since the Strategy are beginning to bear fruit. The report is illustrative of the work HSE has been doing over the past year and not an exhaustive account.

Consultation

6. HSE Board members and staff involved in the programmes and work highlighted in the report.

Presentation

7. This report complements but does not seek to replace the statutorily-required HSC Annual Report, which has already been circulated to Commissioners in draft for comment and which is due to be published in June. Once delivered to the Minister, we intend to make this second-year report on the Strategy available only on the HSE website.

Costs and Benefits

8. None.

Financial/Resource Implications for HSE

9. The report was produced with existing resources from within Strategy Division. Similarly, posting it on the HSE website will be done with existing Communications Directorate resources. In total, we estimate the financial costs to be between £4 and £5k.

Environmental Implications

10. None

Other Implications

11. It has been proposed that, in future, and starting toward the end of November 2006, a consolidated "*Performance Report*" summarising how we have progressed the Strategy taking account of the statistics and what we and others in the safety system have achieved more generally will be produced. This will therefore be the last time we report on the strategy at this time of year.

Action

12. That the Commission note progress.

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