

**QUARTERLY PSA REPORTING MEETING – 12 JUNE – AGENDA ITEM 3 –
PREPARATION OF 2004 HSE STRATEGY**

Summary

The HSC intends to publish its Strategy in April 2004 but will need to have agreed its main thrust by September 2003, to underpin the planning processes for SR 2004. Detailed timetables in text and diagrammatic form have been provided to the Minister (sub. of 20 May from Elaine Harbour).

Content

The focus of the strategy will be the delivery of targets through a set of agreed initiatives and programmes of work. The targets are set out in the 2002 Revitalising Health and Safety Statement. These were agreed by the Commission and the Deputy Prime Minister in 2000 and are also reflected in HSE's PSA targets. As part of that process, agreement has been reached on a new vision for health and safety and a new mission and high level aims for HSE.

Consultation

- Public consultation with both traditional and non-traditional stakeholders in summer 2003 in order to identify their views and perceived priorities on health and safety issues.
- Results from this work will be considered along side HSE's further analysis and ongoing discussions with Nick Brown and the Commission.
- A draft strategy for September plus a further round of external consultation later in the year.
- Draft strategy able to inform SR 2004 discussions.

Ministerial involvement

- HSC/E in discussion with Private Office about how to ensure Ministers views taken into account on an ongoing basis.
- As a start a meeting already agreed between HSC and the Minister on 5 June and the Minister to attend the HSC strategic residential meeting on 24/25 June.
- Further opportunities to be identified. HSC/E is ready to respond to any Ministerial/DWP suggestions.
- Public consultation on draft strategy in September with a document to Nick Brown in December for formal approval.

Issues to be resolved

HSE has identified the following strategic issues, which it considers will need to be addressed if it is to meet its targets:

- new and complex occupational health issues;
- the emerging public protection and security agenda;
- the role of local authorities;
- the changing world and economy; and

- management of business improvement and reputation.
HSE is currently identifying options for taking these forward.