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**HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE**  
**The HSE Board**  
**Performance Report for November 2006**  
**A Paper by Colin Douglas**  
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**Issue**

1. To agree the outline content for the first annual Performance Report (see Annex) which will be published in November 2006.

**Timing**

2. Outline content needs to be agreed at August HSE Board meeting, so that it can be taken to September Commission meeting for approval.

**Recommendation**

3. That the HSE Board:
  - a. note the format for the November Performance Report
  - b. agree the outline content attached as an Annex to this paper

**Background**

4. The first 'Performance Report' will be published in late November. It will be a 24-page HSC publication, providing a brief overview of performance over the past period, and views on the key themes and challenges facing HSC, HSE and the wider health and safety system for the future.
5. As a publication, this will be very light on text. Of its 24 pages, half will be taken up with engaging visual images, leaving 12 pages of text. And those 12 pages of text will be relatively light on text – ensuring that, through substantial use of white space, they feel readable even to busy senior people.

**Argument**

6. The Annex to this paper sets out a short outline of the content for the Performance Report. If approved by the Board and Commission, we will use in-house copywriting and design skills within the Communications Delivery Service to produce the final publication, working closely with colleagues across HSE.

## **Consultation**

7. A Public Reporting Co-ordinating Group has been set up with representatives from CD, PEFD, CoSAS, Fit3, Ops Group, Strategy Division, Policy Programmes and CDS. This Group has been consulted in producing the outline content for the Report.

## **Presentation**

8. This publication will be aimed at a wide range of HSE stakeholders and, in particular, will be designed to be read by busy, senior people with little knowledge of the health and safety system. Nearer to the publication date, detailed communications plan will be produced for communicating the Performance Report.

## **Financial/Resource Implications for HSE**

9. Printing and distribution costs for the Performance Report would be approximately £11,000. It will also involve approximately 90 hours of CDS staff time (at Band 4 level) in copywriting and design – this includes time already expended in developing the design concepts.

## **Action**

10. The agreed outline content to be taken to the September Commission meeting for approval.

## **Contact**

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# Performance Report

## Outline Content

### 1. Introduction:

- Brief description of publication **[2 pages, 1 of which = photo]**
  - making clear what this is (i.e., a brief overview of past period and challenges facing us for the future)...
  - and what this is not (i.e., not a comprehensive review of all that we've done or will be doing);
  - refer to important role of LAs + HSE as enforcers and sources of information, but everyone has role to play in improving health & safety
  - refer to big three themes for the future

### 2. Highlights over past period:

- Major Hazards **[4 pages, 2 of which = photos]**
  - Buncefield
  - Energy Review
  - Societal risk
- Occupational health & safety **[4 pages, 2 of which = photos]**
  - Fit 3 programme
    - Workplace Health Connect
    - Health Work & Well-being Strategy
    - Improvements in Construction (showing what industry have done)
    - Big campaigns
    - Co-ordinated inspection activity
    - Roll out of Stress Management Standards (describing sector that's embracing the approach)
  - Role of LAs
    - working with HSE to shape + deliver programmes of work
    - Lead Authority arrangements
    - Need for more senior support for their enforcement role within local govt
- Partnership working **[2 pages, 1 of which = photo]**
  - New partnership arrangements with LAs
  - Health & Safety Partnership for Scotland
  - Transfer of rail to ORR
  - Supporting Welsh Backs initiative

- HSC providing a stronger, clearer voice **[2 pages, 1 of which = photo]**
  - Sensible Risk Principles
  - Plans for merger of HSC and HSE
  - Managing ourselves – sickness absence, health & safety, valuing people within HSE
  - Better regulation – risk based approach to regulation
- Enforcement **[2 pages, 1 of which = photo]**
  - Big prosecutions (Transco, Larkhall - £15 million; Transco, Cavendish Hill - £1 million; Conoco Philips, Humber Refinery - £895,000)
  - maintaining the deterrent
  - HSE + LAs working together
- Statistics **[2 pages, 1 of which = photo]**
  - Fatal Injuries
  - Majors & over 3 day injuries
  - Ill-health
  - Enforcement
  - Lives saved over past 30 years through improvements in health & safety across GB

### 3. Themes/challenges for the future:

- Enabling hazardous activities for good of society **[2 pages, 1 of which = photo]**
  - Energy Review and big issues for HSE around pre-licensing and regulation of any new build programme
  - Learning the lessons of Buncefield
  - Societal risk
- Health, work and well-being **[2 pages, 1 of which = photo]**
  - health & safety as part of wider 'good jobs' agenda
  - need to address more challenging occupational ill-health issues
- Partnership working (particularly with LAs) **[2 pages, 1 of which = photo]**
  - commitment to LA partnership and need to build on it
  - HSC, HSE and LAs not able to do it all
  - Working with other regulators/enforcers
  - Working with industry and workers to promote benefits of health & safety

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