

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION AND EXECUTIVE
AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**A PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE WORKER INVOLVEMENT
PROJECT GROUP**

Summary

1 This paper provides a progress report on the work of the Worker Involvement Project Group.

Background

2 HSE reported to AIAC in October 2006 on the inaugural meeting of the Worker Involvement (previously the Roving Safety Representative) Project Group. In response to a request for further information on the scope for future work on promoting worker involvement in the industry in the context of HSC/E's emerging worker involvement strategy, HSE presented paper AIAC 070504 to the committee on 2 May 2007.

3 At that time members noted The Health & Safety Commission's (HSC's) reluctance to promote worker involvement through the roving safety representative concept and the changes in employment practices within the industry; particularly in relation to temporary and migrant working. It was suggested that worker involvement on farms might be linked to the Vocational Qualifications (VQs) on managing health and safety and that the group might seek to develop new mechanisms or exploit existing schemes e.g. the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme.

4 Members agreed the group should explore different approaches, and in doing so, should consider other industry models and lessons.

Progress

5 The group has not met since the last AIAC. Teresa Mackay having resigned from AIAC, the TGWU needs to appoint a replacement to the group.

Action/ Recommendation

6 Given:

- the impact and new direction on the work of the group resulting from the HSC's emerging strategy on worker involvement; and
- the need for at least one new member

It is recommended that AIAC reviews the membership and remit of this group.

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