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## **HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION**

### **CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CONIAC)**

#### **Reconstitution of CONIAC**

#### **SUMMARY**

**This paper informs members of the steps now in hand to address the reconstitution of CONIAC.**

#### **Issue**

1. The reconstitution of CONIAC.

#### **Timing**

2. Routine

#### **Background**

3. Current members' appointments to CONIAC formally expired at the end of 2002. They have been extended on an ad hoc basis until a decision has been taken on CONIAC's future so as to secure the continuance of CONIAC in the short term while HSC completed its review of its IACs. Bill Callaghan recently wrote to all IAC members outlining HSC's modernising strategy. Consideration can now be given to CONIAC's reconstitution.

#### **Current position**

4. An early step in CONIAC's reconstitution includes consultation with the industry. Chair of CONIAC has written to current members, their organisations and a wide range of other organisations seeking views on whether CONIAC should be reconstituted. It is considered that there is a clear case for reconstitution but this fundamental question has to be addressed. Members will have received personal letters seeking their views addressing this fundamental point and also requesting their views on:
  - a. How we can ensure wide industry engagement with CONIAC while at the same time having a sharper focus on delivery of outcomes;

- b. What members believe CONIAC can & should do to support the industry in meeting its RHS targets;
- c. What are the topics/issues to which CONIAC might give particular attention;
- d. What members' organisations might be able to contribute, through:
  - i. High level representation on CONIAC or in support of a member drawn from an 'umbrella' body to which their organisation belongs;
  - ii. Engagement with CONIAC topic-specific initiatives they have identified;
  - iii. Their organisation's abilities to deliver identified objectives within their sector of the industry.

### **Next steps**

5. The steps will include:

- Analysing the responses from the consultation exercise;
- Possible further engagement with selected stakeholders in the light of their responses;
- The development of a business plan that has a sharper focus on the delivery of outcomes and that identifies structures and membership that will enable CONIAC to make a full contribution to delivering the challenging targets for improvement that the industry has set.

### **Action**

6. Members are invited to:

- Note the steps in hand concerning the reconstitution of CONIAC.
- Contribute their early observations on what is proposed.

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