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CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME PLAN OF WORK 2006/07

Summary

This paper introduces a presentation informing CONIAC of the Construction Programme Plan of Work for 2006/07. It invites CONIAC to note the contents of the presentation, support the CD plans during 2006/07, and assist in ensuring the success of campaigns planned for, and national campaigns impacting on, the sector.

Issue

1. The final plans for HSE's Construction Programme: 2006/07.

Timing

2. Routine. The Construction Programme Plan of Work is now agreed and all Construction Division (CD) field staff are being briefed at a series of events throughout March.

Recommendation

3. That CONIAC notes the contents of the presentation.

Background

4. At its meeting on 24 November 2005, CONIAC received an update on the Construction Programme including advance warning of proposals for campaigns for 2006/07. Subsequently, an ad hoc CONIAC working group met on 19 January 2006, to consider the proposals in more detail. Members present provided comments on, and input to, the draft Construction Programme Plan 2006/07.

Argument

5. The Plan has been produced within the context of planning across the Fit 3 Strategic Programme. It therefore includes field work proposed by other Programmes such as disease reduction and noise and vibration. The Plan also sets out CD's contribution to the two major HSE wide campaigns: "Height Aware" and "Backs!"

2006". CD will be seeking CONIAC's help to support the campaigns. More detail will be available before the campaign on the role CONIAC members can play.

6. The Plan builds on the strengths of previous years project-working and focuses our project work on sections of the industry where we believe we can make the greatest impact on injury and ill health. In particular we are putting high levels of resource into:
 - Refurbishment and Repair;
 - Building Maintenance;
 - House building; and
 - Commercial Urban New Build.

The presentation sets out the rationale behind this targeting.

7. Many of our project activities will carry on from last year including our National and Local Lead Inspector work with large organisations and our wider work with Clients, Designers and Early Interventions. Our work with asbestos licensing remains unchanged.
8. The overall objectives of the Programme Strategy remain unchanged; we are seeking a culture change in the industry by:
 - securing ownership by the industry of the health and safety challenges;
 - engaging with key intermediaries to develop an expectation of compliance and continuous improvement that involve;
 - developing partnerships between those who create, manage and are exposed to risk;
 - delivering an effective intervention strategy;
 - developing and implementing a strategy that will help SMEs and micro-businesses to make a step-change in their health and safety performance; and
 - where necessary, revising the regulatory framework.
9. The resources we devote to reactive investigation work and to enforcement remain unchanged. The Plan is primarily concerned with directing our proactive Programme work.
10. We are keen to encourage sharing of best practice by all industry stakeholders. We would welcome feedback on any aspect of our work and in particular where it would assist our evaluation of the impact of our work.

Consultation

11. The Plan has been developed with all relevant HSE staff and with members of a CONIAC ad hoc Working Group.

Next steps

12. CD's field teams will translate the Plan into local activity for field staff. The Plan includes provision for monitoring and feedback from field staff. The Programme Office will provide CONIAC with an update on progress at the mid-year point.

Action

13. CONIAC is invited to:

- support the plans during 2006/07; and
- assist in ensuring the success of campaigns planned for the sector and national campaigns impacting on the sector.

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