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Proposal for Incident Storage Facility at HSL

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Issue

1. This paper seeks the approval of funding for the construction and on-going maintenance of a fit for purpose incident material storage facility at HSL.

Timing

2. Subject to approval by the SMT, the procurement phase would be undertaken during the period from October 2008 to January 2009, leading to the construction phase being undertaken during the period from February 2009 to December 2009.

Recommendation

3. That the SMT:
 - a. notes the background and argument;
 - b. notes the changing legislative environment associated with prosecutions;
 - c. considers the proposed solution;
 - d. approves the proposal, noting that this requires the re-direction of funding from existing programme allocations (this will not be material in 2008/9), as HSL are not seeking additional funding beyond that in the agreed Corporate Plan.

Background

4. Following an OMT paper in September 2007 (ref 63/4) and a presentation to the June 2008 HSE / HSL Partnership Board, approval in principle was given by the Partnership Board for the construction of a fit for purpose incident material storage facility at HSL, subject to this paper being brought to the SMT for full approval.

Argument

5. As part of its work in support of HSE's incident investigation responsibilities, HSL becomes the repository for a wide variety of incident-related items of equipment.
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6. a review of the current and future requirements for the storage incident items was undertaken by an OMT Working Group (composed of representatives from HID, LAO, FOD's Enforcement Team and HSL) and four principal options were developed. Subsequent evaluation of these options by HSL and the associated costs for each, identified the option best suited to HSE's and HSL's long term

needs. This option would provide an appropriate 25m x 50m storage building within a secure 50m x 100m compound (e.g. fencing, alarm, CCTV). The building would include a 15t overhead crane, power and lighting.

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Consultation

8. PFPD, FOD, HID, LAO, HSE/L Partnership Board and HSL Board.

Presentation

9. Our key message is that HSL seeks to retain its reputation as one of the world leaders in incident investigations associated with health and safety. → ←

10. In the past HSL has been asked to store items for other regulators (e.g. the police and the Railway Inspectorate). HSL will seek payment from clients outside HSE for incident material stored in the new facility.

Costs and Benefits

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Financial/Resource Implications for HSE

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Environmental implications

13. Environmental impact would be minimised by the choice of design and materials and we would ensure compliance with all relevant environmental and health and safety regulations during both the construction and operational phases (e.g. CDM, Site Waste Management etc.).

14. Additionally, the construction of this facility would enable items that are currently stored in a variety of disparate locations around the 600 hectare Buxton site, to be concentrated into one efficiently and effectively managed location. This would minimise the overall environmental impact whilst improving security and evidence management.

Action

15. The HSE SMT is asked to approve the proposal to construct the proposed incident store. If the SMT approves the proposal, HSL will commence the project immediately.

Annex → ←