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BERR CONSULTATION ON EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF THE REGULATORS COMPLIANCE CODE AND THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD REGULATION

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Issue

1. To seek SMT endorsement of the proposed response to the BERR consultation on extending the scope of the Regulators' Compliance Code and the Principles of Good Regulation to specific functions of Local Authorities in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, as well as to certain functions of public sector regulators in England.

Recommendation

2. The Senior Management Team is asked to:
 - i. Agree that HSE should respond to the BERR Consultation and support the proposal.
 - ii. Agree the contents of the Board paper and the draft letter to be sent to BERR from the HSE Chair.

Timing

3. For approval by correspondence before 26 January to enable the paper to be sent to the Board for clearance in early February to meet the BERR deadline of 13 February 2009.

Background

4. See the draft Board paper attached.

Consultation

5. The Enforcement and Accountability team recently concluded a consultation on the proposal within HSE, seeking views from the Better Regulation team, Legal and Enforcement, Local Authority Unit, HSE Scotland, HSE Wales, the Public Services Sector and the Legal Advisors Office. All of the comments received from those participating in this consultation supported the BERR proposal.