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## HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE

### Minutes of the HSE Board meeting held on Wednesday 6 December in the Hope Room and by video link to Redgrave Court, Bootle dealing with the Gas Safety Review

#### Present

Geoffrey Podger  
Justin McCracken

Jonathan Rees  
Sandra Caldwell  
Vivienne Dews  
Colin Douglas  
Patrick McDonald  
Eddie Morland  
Kevin Myers  
Mike Weightman  
Jane Willis

#### Apologies

Alex Brett-Holt  
Giles Denham  
Bill Gunnyeon (DWP)

#### Also attending

Steve Dennis (for items 2 and 6)  
Gaynor Coldrick, Patricia Williams and John Rowson (for item 2)  
Tim Beaumont (Item 3)  
Sarabjit Purewal (Item 4)  
Les Philpott and Avril Adams (Item 6)  
Vinny Kenny and Shellagh Molloy (Item 10)

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Peter Buckley

#### **7 Agenda item 7 – Gas Safety Review (Paper B/06/110 Closed)**

- 7.1 Jonathan Rees introduced the paper with the following remarks:
- a. The Board was being asked for a strategic steer on a number of issues prior to taking a paper to the Commission in January;
  - b. Gas safety was an issue of public and Ministerial concern and it was important that HSE carried out its role to the satisfaction of these stakeholders;
  - c. The paper:
    - i. Suggested an expansion of the role of the gas installer registration scheme particularly on raising awareness of the risks of carbon monoxide, simplifying regulations and on enforcement;
    - ii. Sought views on whether the gas installer registration should be competition for the market or in the market; and
    - iii. Asked for views on the governance arrangements for any scheme and on fees for registration.
- 7.2 Following discussion the board agreed:
- a. HSE would need to continue to be in gas safety work;
  - b. To the expansion of the role of the gas installer registration scheme but wished to retain enforcement responsibility for those non registered installers who were incompetent;

- c. The competition for the market solution;
- d. An acronym for the gas registration scheme that would be retained regardless of who currently carried out that work;
- e. Expanding the governance arrangements by HSE to better represent all the interests in gas safety including users and the gas suppliers;
- f. Setting fees which recover costs but which could decline in real terms over the time of any contract;
- g. The baseline, savings and impact on budgets should be established with more certainty.

7.3 Geoffrey thanked Les and Avril for the paper and all the hard work which had gone into it. Geoffrey asked that individual Board Members be consulted on the implications of working up the points agreed by the Board in to the Commission paper.

**Action Point 126 Les Philpott to produce a paper for the Commission taking the board discussion and agreements into account, consulting individual board members as appropriate.**