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**The Employers View**

**HSE/LGE  
procurement of  
waste and recycling  
services events  
January-February  
2010**

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**pay, pensions  
and  
employment  
solutions**

## **The next 20 minutes or so**

- A bit about LGE
- LGE Support for WISH and GB strategy
- LGA group response to GB strategy
- LGE view to the guidance
- What we want LAs to do
- What we want to guidance to deliver

## Local Government Employers (LGE)

- Created April 2006 out of Employers Organisation
- Part of LGA group
  - LGE
  - Local Partnerships
  - LACoRS
  - IdeA
  - Leadership Centre for local Government
- Slimmed down and focused
- Around 50 employees
- Based LG House, Smith Square, Westminster
- Pay, Pensions and Employment Solutions (includes H&S)
- [www.lge.gov.uk](http://www.lge.gov.uk)



*Local Government Association*

The Local Government Association is the national voice for more than 400 local authorities in England and Wales. The LGA group comprises the LGA and five partner organisations which work together to support, promote and improve local government.



# WISH charter signing and strategy launch January 09



## **WISH strategic objectives**

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/waste/charter.htm>

- Accident performance
  - Reduce the number of accidents by 10% year on year (05/06 baseline) by 2013
- Number of working days lost
  - Develop occupational ill health metrics and interventions
- Management of health and safety
  - Adopt recognised health and safety management system e.g. HSG 65 or OHSAS 18001
- Health and safety climate and attitudes
  - Improve attitudes to, climate of health and safety with waste and recycling
- Competence
  - Improve levels of competence in line with the WISH commitment to competence

## **LGE view of WISH charter and strategy**

- The most effective way of tackling accidents and ill health
- Need to address H&S issues in an expanding industry with a poor record
- Support very strongly the themes of the charter
- The accident reduction target is a challenge
- Recognise the role of LAs in deliver the themes
- 50-60% waste and recycling services are in house

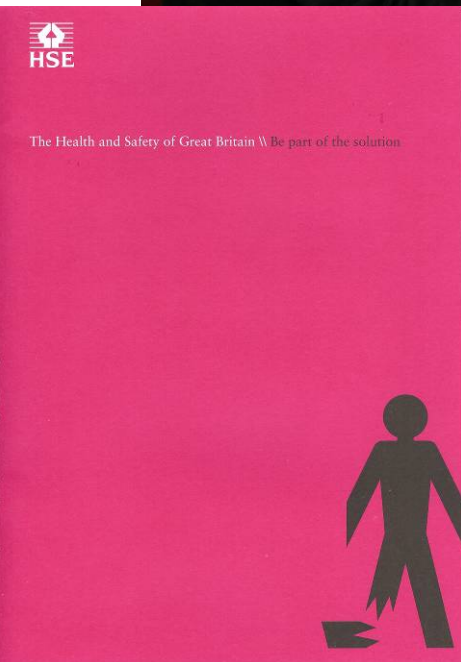
## **Occupational ill health challenge**

- HSL research project
- Poor data on occupational ill health within LA sector
- WISH agreed metric recording metrics.
- Roll out across local authorities
- HSE to collate data
- Use it to develop interventions

## **New on line community**

- Open to anyone in Local government with an interest in health and safety in waste and recycling services
- Do not need to be a health and safety expert
- Need to have a .gov.uk domain
- Facilities
  - Events diary
  - Document library
  - Forum
    - Problem solving
    - Information exchange
- To join, [www.communities.idea.gov.uk](http://www.communities.idea.gov.uk) in search box type waste and recycling health and safety forum and search then click join

# Pledge signing and strategy launch June 2009



## **Sign the pledge**

- Play your part in reducing numbers of occupational deaths, injuries and ill health
- Employers to put H&S at the heart of what they do and take a sensible approach to H&S
- Commit to debunking myths which trivialise H&S
- Recognise the importance of H&S in difficult economic times and the dangers of complacency
- Work with HSE and its partners to be part of the solution
- [www.hse.gov.uk/strategy/pledge](http://www.hse.gov.uk/strategy/pledge)

## **The Health and Safety of Great Britain/ Be part of the solution June 2009**

- Sir Steve Bullock LGE Chair signed up on behalf of LGA group
- Public sector as exemplars
- Key goal creating safer healthier workplaces
- Waste and recycling is recognised as a priority activity
- Delivering WISH targets part of GB strategy delivery
- Everyone has a role in delivery
  - LGA group
  - Local authorities
    - Officers
    - Members
  - Contractors

## **LGA group response to the GB Strategy**

- Working better across central bodies
- Greater engagement and higher profile
- Working more closely with HSE strategically
- Guidance launch events
- Leadership event 10<sup>th</sup> March to develop priorities
  - Officers
  - Elected members
- Jointly identifying LA challenges and priorities
- Exploring interventions which will deliver

## **Individual LA response to WISH and GB strategies**

- Move health and safety up corporate priorities
- Check local H&S priorities and put in place proactive interventions
- Waste and recycling is a priority activity
- Promote leadership on health and safety (officer and member)
- Effectively train your people on health and safety
- Revitalise Union engagement
- Help those who provide you with goods and services (procurement)
- Close match with GB and WISH strategies



## **LGE view of the guidance**

- Happy to be here to support the launch
- Pleased HSE took the opportunity to develop the guidance
- Grateful to be able to contribute to its development across LGA group,
- Widely consulted upon (including Scotland and Wales), widely supported
- Sends the message of the power of procurement in raising H&S standards
- Raises the profile of H&S as a contractor selection criterion
- Straight forward layout and language



## **LGE view of the guidance**

- Does not focus on detail gives an overview
- General principles can be applied in the procurement of any service
- Principles easily understood by non-procurement people
- Web based-allows for easy updating
- Widely and easily accessible
- Case studies bring the process to life
- Ability to build up the portfolio of case studies
- LGA will be heavily promoting the value of the guidance

## **What we want LAs to do with the guidance**

- Promote and use it!
- Ensure those involved in procurement of services are aware of the guidance
- Mainstream the principles with their procurement processes
- Use it to promote contractor health and safety performance as a significant criterion for contractor selection
- Ensure that contractors understand the importance delivering services safely
- Creates the framework to ensure contractor H&S standards are improved
- Provide further case studies of good practice



## **What we hope the guidance will deliver**

- Fewer accidents and cases of occupational ill health (contribute to delivery of WISH and GB strategy targets)
- Fewer injured and ill people
- Less pain and suffering
- Reduced losses (time, money etc)
- Better service delivery



## **What we hope the guidance will deliver**

- Best value achieved in service delivery
- Better understanding of H&S issues within waste and recycling services by procurement officers and contractors
- Better contract management/monitoring
- Safer, more efficient waste and recycling services

## **To conclude**

- LGA group support WISH and GB strategies
- LGA group recognise the role of LAs in delivering the twin strategies
- Particular challenges around ill health
- Commend the procurement guidance to councils
- Hope to see continued improvement in accident performance.
- Together we can deliver the WISH targets.

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