

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 28 SEPTEMBER 2000

#### SUMMARY REPORT ON INJURY ACCIDENT STATISTICS

##### Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Sub-Committee with a summary of those injury accidents which required to be reported to the Health and Safety Executive, in line with the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995.

#### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Health and Safety Executive defines “reportable” accidents as those employee accidents which are recognised as “**major**” e.g. fractures dislocations etc, and incidents which have resulted in over 3 - day absence, and incidents where non Council employees have been injured and have required medical treatment (e.g. School pupils, service users in residential centres or members of the public generally).
- 2.2 This report refers to the five months period ended 31 August 2000. In addition to this report, the department of Homes and Technical Services provides their service Committee with reports on health and safety matters and injury accidents relating to that department.
- 2.3 In summary, there were two injury accidents concerning employees that required to be reported as “**major**” in accordance with RIDDOR 1995 as defined in paragraph 2.1 above.

#### 3. APRIL 2000

- 3.1 There were 10 employee accidents reported during April 2000. Of these 5 were in Homes & Technical Services (B&W), 1 in Social Work, 2 in Education, 1 in Community Services & 1 in Development Services. None required to be reported in the “major” category.

#### 4. MAY 2000

- 4.1 There were 3 employee accidents reported during May 2000. Of these, 1 was in Corporate Services (Skills Training) and two in Development Services. Non required to be reported in the “major” category.

## **5. JUNE 2000**

**5.1** There were 5 employee accidents reported during June 2000. Of these, 3 were in Homes and Technical Services (B&W), 1 in Social Work and 1 in Community Services. None required to be reported in the “major” category.

## **6. JULY 2000**

**6.1** There were 12 employee accidents reported in July 2000. Of these 6 were in Homes & Technical Services (B&W), 4 in Community Services and 2 in Education.

**6.2** One in Building and Works required to be reported as a “major” when an employee fractured an elbow when he was taking down a rhone pipe, the pipe broke and he struck his elbow on the ladder.

## **7. AUGUST 2000**

**7.1** There were 11 employee accidents reported in August 2000. Of these, 2 were in Development Services, 7 were in H.A.T.S. (B&W), 1 was in Education & Social Services and 1 in Community Services.

**7.2** One required to be reported in the “major” category when an employee in Cleansing sustained fractured bones in his right foot when a wheelie bin came off the lifting mechanism and landed on his foot.

## **8. REPORTABLE INCIDENTS NOT INVOLVING COUNCIL EMPLOYEES.**

**8.1** In summary, 4 injuries required to be reported in accordance with RIDDOR 1995.

## **9. TOTAL ACCIDENTS**

**9.1** There were a total of 41 employee accidents for the five-month period, which included 2 in the “major” category. This compares to 40 accidents for the same period in 1999 of which 4 were in the major category.

## **10. OTHER REPORTABLE DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES INCLUDING FLAMMABLE GAS INCIDENTS AND DANGEROUS GAS FITTINGS**

**10.1** There were one Dangerous Occurrence reported, this was investigated by H.S.E., recommendations are currently being implemented.

## **11. POLICY/LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**11.1** The 41 accidents were reported in accordance with the Riddor regulations requirements to report accidents of their nature to the Health and Safety Executive.

## **12. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**12.1** The Sub-Committee is asked to note the content of this report.

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**5<sup>th</sup> September 2000**

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Council injury accident report forms received between 1 April 2000 and 31 August 2000.

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**AGENDA**