



September 29th, 2022

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Notice Of Meeting

A meeting of the Environmental Services Committee will be held on **Wednesday, 5th October 2022** at **6:00 pm** for the transaction of the undernoted Agenda.

For those Members attending this meeting remotely, the Zoom details are included in the Outlook invitation that has been issued.

A light buffet will be available in Lighters Restaurant from 5.30pm.

David Burns
Chief Executive

Agenda

1.0 Apologies

2.0 Declaration of Interests

- (i) conflict of interest on any matter before the meeting (Members to confirm the specific item)
- (ii) pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (Member to complete disclosure of interest form)

3.0 Report by the Head of Service (Environmental Health)

3.1 Health & Safety Executive NI (HSENI) Consultation on 2023-2028 Corporate Plan

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3.2 Approval to Temporarily Close Queens Road Car Park to Facilitate Parking at the Council's 'Christmas at the Castle' Event

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4.0 Confidential Report from the Director of Environmental Services

Items are confidential for reason of containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information)

4.1 Digital Display Boards

4.2 Update on Residual Waste Treatment & Disposal and Landfill Capacity

4.3 Kerbside Collection - Consistency

5.0 Any Other Business



Environmental Services Committee

5th October 2022

Report from:

Head of Service - Environmental Health

Item for Decision

TITLE: Item 3.1 – Health & Safety Executive NI (HSENI) Consultation on 2023-2028 Corporate Plan

Background and Key Issues:

1. Members were previously advised by email on 12 September 2022 of a consultation received in relation to the HSENI Corporate Plan for 2023-2028 and were invited to comment to allow a response to be submitted before the submission deadline of 10 October 2022.
2. Attached as **Appendix 1 EH** for Members' review and approval is a copy of the draft response to be submitted on behalf of the Council.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Members approve the Council response, attached as **Appendix 1 EH**, in relation to the HSENI Corporate Plan 2023-2028 to be submitted prior to the deadline of 10 October 2022.

Finance and Resource Implications:

None.

Screening and Impact Assessment

1. Equality and Good Relations

Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out on the proposal/project/policy?

If no, please provide explanation/rationale

Consultation response only

If yes, what was the outcome?:

Option 1		Option 2		Option 3	
Screen out without mitigation	N/A	Screen out with mitigation	N/A	Screen in for a full EQIA	N/A

Rationale for outcome/decision (give a brief explanation of any issues identified including mitigation and/or plans for full EQIA or further consultation)

Insert link to completed Equality and Good Relations report:

2. Rural Needs Impact Assessment:

Has consideration been given to Rural Needs?	N/A	Has a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) template been completed?	N/A	
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If no, please given explanation/rationale for why it was not considered necessary:

Response to Consultation only

If yes, give brief summary of the key rural issues identified, any proposed actions to address or mitigate and include the link to the completed RNIA template:

SUBJECT TO PLANNING APPROVAL: N/A

If Yes, "This is a decision of this Committee only. Members of the Planning Committee are not bound by the decision of this Committee. Members of the Planning Committee shall consider any related planning application in accordance with the applicable legislation and with an open mind, taking into account all relevant matters and leaving out irrelevant consideration".

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 EH - HSENI Consultation on 2023-2028 Corporate Plan draft response.

HAS IT BEEN SUBJECT TO CALL IN TO DATE?

No

If Yes, please insert date:



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Introduction

The new plan will identify the issues HSENI will focus on during the lifetime of the plan and outlines the specific outcomes which HSENI, working in partnership with industry, aims to achieve. We have used three criteria to identify and rank the sectoral priorities (statistics / sectoral intelligence / cross reference with other regulators). We believe this methodology has given priorities which will resonate with stakeholders.

We also plan to have three major themes in years one, three and five of our new CP. These three annual cross cutting themes aim to tackle a work activity known to be a cause of fatalities, serious injury or ill-health and will involve a wide range of activities such as a marketing campaign (media / social media / radio / TV / website etc.), group activities (inspection blitz / awareness raising), speaking events etc. The themes will be chosen based on priorities / statistics / evidence / emerging issues and trends. We have chosen workplace transport safety as our year one theme. We will select our year three and five themes as we evaluate the data but we are determined to have health as one of our themes. There will be a strong element of partnership throughout this work cycle. It is important to say that these major themes will not be at the expense of other sectoral activities and indeed we will remain alert to trends and emerging issues in all sectors.

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Proposals for inclusion in HSENI's next Corporate Plan (2023 – 2028) - Measures

- HSENI is the regional body responsible for the regulation of health and safety at work in Northern Ireland. It sets and secures compliance with the necessary health and safety standards. Employers, self-employed and employees all play a part in complying with those standards. Society's perception, the portrayal of health and safety in the media and the deterrent effect of sentencing in the courts are all key ingredients of success. In this context the 'measures of success' are really a reflection on the collective effort of all parties. We are confident that we have identified the correct sectoral priorities and that we deploy our staff to meet the demands but we cannot alone achieve success in reducing injuries at work.
- At a macro level, measuring success in health and safety has traditionally been done through tracking statistics in respect of fatalities, major injuries and over three day injuries. These measures are not without difficulties such as under reporting etc. but over time they reflect general trends and are a useful indicator of success of initiatives, education and enforcement activity.
- Since 2000 we have seen a steady downward trend in major and over three day injuries but fatalities and serious injuries are more random with some years giving low numbers and others considerably higher numbers. In our current corporate plan we set target percentage reductions across all measures. In our new corporate plan we are proposing measures which show a commitment to a continued reduction but better reflect the collective nature of the effort required. Our proposed measures will track trends rather than set targets for reductions. They will be tracked using the statutory reporting regime under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 (RIDDOR).
- The proposed measures are:
 - A reduction in the number of serious and fatal accidents compared to the average in the previous Corporate Plan;
 - A reduction in the number of major accidents compared to the average in the previous Corporate Plan; and
 - A reduction in the number of over three day accidents compared to the average in the previous Corporate Plan

1. Do the three measures provide a realistic goal of incident reduction and also reflect the collective nature of the effort required to achieve success? Are there other measures you would like to see included?

Yes, the 3 measures provided - A reduction in fatal accidents, major accidents and over 3 day accidents provide a realistic goal of incident reduction.

These 3 measures also reflect the collective nature of the effort required to achieve success.

Near miss incidents could also be measured.

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Proposals for inclusion in HSENI's next Corporate Plan (2023 – 2028) - Outputs

5. HSENI will utilise a number of strategies and interventions over the period of the next corporate plan. These will be a mix of:
 - a. Site visits / inspections
 - b. Investigations
 - c. Initiatives / blitzes
 - d. Complaints handling
 - e. Advisory visits
 - f. Advisory contacts
 - g. Information and advice via website
 - h. Information and advice via social media
 - i. Information and advice via traditional media
 - j. Information and advice via speaking engagements
 - k. Campaigns etc.
6. We will measure and track these activities on our case management system.
7. We propose the following output:
 - a. **80,000 interventions which will include 25,000 site visits.**
8. Based on our current and projected available resources and historical data we believe this output is challenging.

2. Does the output (80,000 interventions which will include 25,000 site visits) demonstrate a commitment to a high level of output across all sectors delivered through a wide range of activities? Are there other outputs you would like to see included?

Agree, the proposed output of 80,000 interventions and 25,000 site visits demonstrated a commitment to a high level of output across all sectors.

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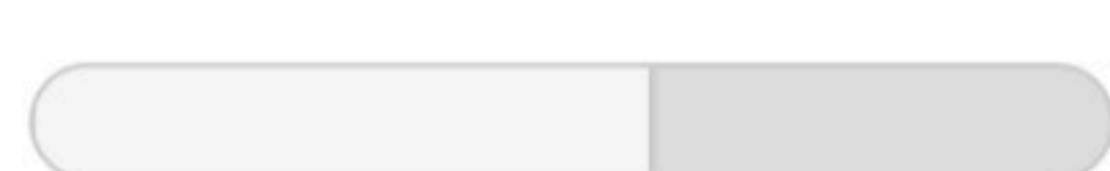
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5. HSENI will develop and deliver three annual cross-cutting themes to tackle a work activity known to be a cause of fatalities, serious injury or ill-health. They will be run in years one, three and five of the CP. These will be a mix of:
 - a. Marketing campaigns (media / social media / radio / TV / website etc.)
 - b. Group activities (inspection blitzes / awareness raising)
 - c. Speaking events (Public and company level) etc.
6. The choice of subject will be based on priority topics / statistics / evidence / emerging issues and trends.
7. The themes will have to be broad in nature to allow all sectors to make meaningful contributions which will be tailored to their industries.
8. This approach will require a significant resource and financial commitment across all five years of the corporate plan and is predicated on the finance being available in all years.
9. In year one the theme will be *workplace transport* as this continues to be a difficult issue in almost all sectors and the cause of serious injuries and fatalities across a number of sectors. We will use year two to plan and to prepare all materials etc. for year three (this process will be repeated for years four and five). We will decide on the year three and five themes in the preceding year, again taking cognisance of statistics and trends etc.
10. We propose the following output:
 - a. **Deliver three annual cross-cutting themes to tackle a work activity known to be a cause of fatalities, serious injury or ill-health.**
11. Based on our current and projected available resources and historical data we believe this output is challenging but it will act as a catalyst for all sectors to bring a focus to a high priority issue.

3. Do you agree that the output (Deliver three annual cross-cutting themes to tackle a work activity known to be a cause of fatalities, serious injury or ill-health) is a good means of raising the profile and tackling high profile issues across all work sectors?

Agree - the delivery of 3 annual cross-cutting themes is a good means of raising the profile and tackling issues across all work sectors.

4. Are there particular themes you would like to be considered for years three and five?

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Proposals for inclusion in HSENI's next Corporate Plan (2023 – 2028) - Sectoral Priorities

- 16. It has never been possible for HSENI to deploy resources to each and every hazard and risk in workplaces. The responsibility for risk assessment must be carried out each and every day by those carrying out work activities in order to consider and properly manage and mitigate those risks. Like all other organisations, we must prioritise which activities we put our efforts into. In the current CP our focus is on those activities which are known to be associated with fatal and serious outcomes. We propose to continue this approach in our new CP.
- 17. Serious injuries include: brain injuries; spinal cord injuries; amputations; asphyxia; poisoning; blindness; multiple fractures; occupational cancers etc. These are by definition life changing and will affect the injured party, their family, co-workers and will likely have long lasting impacts on their health. Often these incidents are not discussed but they can be as traumatic as a fatality for all those around the injured party. For this reason, we want to do everything possible to reduce such injuries.
- 18. We have set out our proposed sectoral priorities below. We have used three measures to develop the sectoral priorities:
 - a. Statistics from HSENI's Case Management System (CMS) (RIDDOR);
 - b. Views of the Heads of Groups (HoGs) and operational teams; and
 - c. Cross reference with the Health & Safety Executive in GB (HSE) & the Health & Safety Authority (HSA) in Rol.
- 19. We believe the above methodology is robust and takes account of not just the statistics which do not give a complete picture, but also the thinking of our sister organisations and importantly the knowledge of our staff who have in depth understanding of their sectors. Sectoral intelligence gained by our staff on the ground, intelligence fed in through complaints and other means, gives us a strong insight into the factors affecting safety on a day to day basis.
- 20. You will note that, as in the current CP, we will maintain a strong focus on workplace health and this will be reflected in the sectoral priorities. Health remains a significant issue with major personal and societal costs and we must help organisations ensure that workplaces do not make people ill but are actually places which keep people healthy. Long term conditions affecting health not only remove the person from being an economic earner but the other side of the coin is the often significant long term cost to the health sector to care for that person as their health declines.
- 21. We also want to hear from you and what you believe are the priorities in your industry.

[▶ Proposed sectoral priorities for inclusion in new Corporate Plan \(2023-2028\)](#)

5. What industry / work sector are you from?

The Public Sector

6. Do you think the draft Corporate Plan focuses on the main health and safety issues within your sector?

yes, Slips/Trips/Falls, Workplace transport (inc. segregations etc.), Violence / Assaults on staff, Musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) (handling),and Machinery (inc. guarding, isolation & maintenance are all common causes of injury in this sector.

7. Do you agree that we should maintain a focus on those work activities which are associated with the most 'Serious' outcomes?

yes, the most serious outcomes need to be prioritised.

8. Do you believe that our proposed sectoral priorities strike a balance between safety and occupational health?

yes, both safety and occupational health have been covered.

9. Please provide any additional comments or feedback on the proposed Corporate Plan.

This corporate plan reflects measures which show a commitment to a continued reduction in fatalities and major incidents and better reflect the collective nature of the effort required. It will track trends rather than set targets for reductions.



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Environmental Services Committee

5th October 2022

Report from:

Head of Service - Environmental Health

Item for Decision

TITLE: Item 3.2 – Approval to temporarily close Queens Road Car Park to facilitate parking at the Councils ‘Christmas at the Castle’ Event.

Background and Key Issues:

1. The Council has responsibility for the management of the Queens Road Car Park (opposite the main entrance to the Council offices) which is situated adjacent to Castle Gardens.
2. Environmental Health has received a request from Parks and Amenities Service Unit for the use of the car park for 3 days to facilitate parking at the ‘Christmas at the Castle’ event from Wednesday 23 to Friday 25 November 2022. Council was able to avail of the SERC carpark last year to assist but this option will not be available this year and Council needs provision to accommodate disabled attendees, artists and participant’s parking needs.
3. Under the Off-Street Parking (Public Car Parks) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 Council approval must be granted to close this car park and temporarily discontinue its use as a car park.
4. This car park has 40 spaces with an hourly tariff of 30p. This car park is utilised at approximately 80% capacity, so there would be a loss of income of approximately £96.00 per day for 3 days.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Members approve the closure of Queens Road car park for 3 days from Wednesday 23 to Friday 25 November 2022 to facilitate car parking for the 'Christmas at the Castle' event.

Finance and Resource Implications:

Loss of approximately £290 car parking income.

Screening and Impact Assessment

1. Equality and Good Relations

Has an equality and good relations screening been carried out on the proposal/project/policy?

If no, please provide explanation/rationale

Not required as it is not a change of policy.

If yes, what was the outcome?:

Option 1 Screen out without mitigation	N/A	Option 2 Screen out with mitigation	N/A	Option 3 Screen in for a full EQIA	N/A
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Rationale for outcome/decision (give a brief explanation of any issues identified including mitigation and/or plans for full EQIA or further consultation)

Insert link to completed Equality and Good Relations report:

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SUBJECT TO PLANNING APPROVAL:

N/A

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APPENDICES:

None

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