Objective

► To give an overview of the partnership approach to health and safety policy and strategy making;
► To outline the various forms of partnership in enforcing health and safety;
► To give an overview of how local authorities can influence policy, strategy and implementation;
and,
► To suggest opportunities for enhanced partnership working in the future
LACORS and HSE revised governance and liaison arrangements in July 2005;
Aim to make local authorities more fully involved in development and implementation of health and safety policy and strategy;
Local authority elected members’ direct input;
Created the ‘LGP’ and new HELA.
The LGP

- Comprises elected members from England, Scotland & Wales;
- Twice yearly meetings with HSC-influence high level policy and strategy;
  - One to review performance of the partnership;
  - One a forward look at our contribution to HSC Strategy
- LGP is supported by LACORS.
• Established March 2006;
• Focussed, smaller body better linked to local authorities;
• Senior representation of HSE officials and LA officers;
• Designed to ‘allow a more effective dialogue on strategic issues through a shorter, more focussed agenda’.
Key Aims

- To have a strategic oversight of the HSE/LA partnership, influencing policy and operational decisions;
- To ensure local government needs and priorities are fully taken into account.

HELA will also:

- challenge HSE and LAs where they are not meeting expectations;
- Report to the LGP and HSC on activities, priorities and areas of concern to LAs’
LACORS H&S Policy Forum

- First met in 2004;
- Representation from regions and devolved administrations;
- Includes Health & Safety Liaison Groups, Heads of Environmental Health, other services, CI EH/ REHIS and HSE’s Local Authority Unit;
- Links to County Groups;
- Identifies main LA strategic issues in health and safety;
- This informs LACORS agenda and discussions with HSC, HSE and central government;
- Provides information and...
• Well established fora that bring together officers from each local authority in the country;
• Vital in disseminating information and providing feedback;
• Allow an exchange of operational intelligence/information;
• Can be used to build work plans!
Partnership Teams

- Developed in HSE Region;
- Partnership manager to co-ordinate LA and HSE work;
- Important in the FiT3 programmes;
- Regional Partnership Meetings;
- Bring County Group representatives together.
The Role of LACORS

- To provide support to LGP and HELA;
- Representation on Project Boards e.g. FiT3, Work-related Deaths National Liaison Committee;
- Regular liaison with HSE’s Local Authority Unit

But looking to the future:-

- Stronger links to regional & county liaison groups;
- More policy advisers- a ‘virtual network’;
- Embed partnership as the way both LA’s and HSE work.
Opportunities to Influence

- Representation on LGP/HELA/County Groups/Partnership Teams...
- Member representation on LACORS;
- Policy adviser to LACORS;
- Provide ideas on future programmes;
- Provide feedback on existing programmes!
The Future: Shared Health & Safety Enforcement Services?

► A range of collaborations possible, e.g.
  ▪ Local authority/ local authority;
  ▪ Local authority/ HSE;
  ▪ Contact Centres/ One stop shops.

► Why share services?
  ▪ Scarcity of resource;
  ▪ Sharing of expertise;
  ▪ Opportunity to learn;
  ▪ Value for money;
  ▪ CSR 2007;
  ▪ Consistency!
Summary

- Partnership the common theme to health & safety enforcement today;
- Review of HELA and its governance;
- Local authorities involved in strategy, policy and programmes from start;
- Opportunities for local authorities to influence;
- Future opportunities to work in partnership including shared services.
Thank you for listening

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