

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

LOCAL JOINT PANEL - 16 JANUARY 2006

REPORT BY SECRETARY TO EMPLOYER'S SIDE

7(ii) ONLINE DISPLAY SCREEN AND WORKSTATION ASSESSMENT

'D' RECOMMENDATION - that the report be noted.

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1.0 Purpose/Summary of Report

1.1 For information only.

2.0 Contribution to the Council's Corporate Objectives

2.1 Improve the health and sustainability of the organisation.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations 1992 require employers to make arrangements for assessing the safety of all users of display screen equipment. Assessors must be suitably trained to carry out the assessments and the employer must implement the appropriate action to address health and safety issues.

4.0 Report

4.1 Assessor training has taken place with support from UNISON for designated employees who will be able to review assessments and refer issues for attention.

4.2 We need to Identify additional assessors to support the continued improvement and development of the programme.

4.3 Assessments should be carried annually, where there is reason to believe they are out of date or each time a user relocates or moves, the online system will allow a fresh assessment to be carried out without the need for additional resources.

- 4.4 An Online web based self-assessment programme has been introduced to allow all users to carry out the assessment at their own workstations (including those working from home). The programme will commence roll out on a phased implementation basis from January 2006 and meets the statutory requirements of the Display Screen Regulations and Disability Discrimination Act.

Background Papers

None

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