



<b>Subject:</b>	Liaison Agreement between relevant Stakeholders for the Investigation of Work-Related Deaths
<b>Date:</b>	8 November 2022
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<i>After Committee Decision</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>After Council Decision</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Some time in the future</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Never</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to sign up to the revised Liaison agreement for the Investigation of Work-Related Deaths, also known as the Work-Related Death Protocol (WRDP).
1.2	The agreement sets out the protocol for liaison between the Health and Safety Executive for NI (HSENI), the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (PONI) and Northern Ireland District Councils. The original document was signed in 2007 and this revision brings the agreement up-to-date with current legislation and practice.

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree that Council sign up to the revised Liaison Agreement for the Investigation of Work-Related Deaths.</li> </ul>
	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p>District councils and the Health and Safety Executive Northern Ireland (HSENI) are responsible, under Article 20 of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, for making adequate arrangements for the enforcement of health and safety legislation with a view to securing the health, safety and welfare of workers and protecting others, principally the public.</p>
3.2	<p>District Councils investigate potential criminal offences relating to breaches of health and safety legislation in workplaces for which they are the relevant enforcing authority. Where a fatality occurs in such a premise, the district council will be responsible for leading the investigation and liaising with the other relevant parties.</p>
3.3	<p>The revised protocol ensures that the liaison arrangements previously agreed in 2007 remain in place, enabling parties to work together effectively during investigations of work-related deaths.</p>
3.4	<p>This Liaison Agreement is between Northern Ireland District Councils, HSENI, the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (PONI). The agreement places emphasis the importance of the appropriate investigative agencies working together to ensure that a thorough investigation is carried out of work-related deaths in Northern Ireland.</p>
3.5	<p>The Liaison Agreement is not intended to cover the operational practices of the signatory organisations</p>
	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.6	<p>None</p>
	<p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p>
3.7	<p>None</p>

3.8	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u> None.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - Investigation of Work-Related Deaths – Northern Ireland Agreement for Liaison document