

HEALTH AND SAFETY PARTNERSHIP LIAISON OFFICER	2nd October 2018
TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	
FOR DECISION	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Protecting and enhancing our environments and assets
Outcome	Coordinating a strategic approach to the delivery of Health & Safety Enforcement activities
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment
Cost: (If applicable)	Approximately £5000

Background

The post of Partnership Liaison Officer is a joint resource created to ensure the effective partnership working relationships and operational delivery of the joint Health & Safety Strategy between local authorities across Northern Ireland and the HSENI-saving lives not stopping them. The post is hosted by Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and is funded by contributions from the remaining Councils and HSENI.

Following vacation of the post and the fact that partners had been impacted by significant organisational changes it was decided to review the overall effectiveness and requirements of the post. This identified that there was a requirement for the post in a revised format to make it more strategic in nature and more accountable for the success of the partnership, within redefined structures. In addition it was recommended that the post be offered as a 2 year interchange Secondment with the possibility of extension. There is current budgetary provision within the service area to support this post.

In order to progress the post, the following requirements have been identified:

- All 12 partners (11 Councils and HSENI) must be committed to the post
- Costs associated with the post must be divided equally amongst the 12 partners
- HSENI will continue to host the post and give day to day management support
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council will continue to be the employing authority and recover costs as previously.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council continue to support this post until the end of the financial year 2020-2021 at which time it will be reviewed.