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Dear Ms Mooney,

Inter Authority Auditing – Health and Safety Service – Re Audit – 1 March 2007

Enclosed are the results on the Inter Authority re audit of the Health and Safety Service at Carlisle City Council undertaken on 1st March 2007 by Elaine Lomas (Eden District Council) and Jackie O'Reilly (Copeland Borough Council). Draft results were provided by email to Ruth Harland on 27th April 2007.

The health and safety enforcement service was assessed in the re - audit on 1st March 2007 as an **overall level 2 (compliance in most but not all areas)**. Details of the audit scheme are contained in the original report.

The results of the re - audit are listed as an extra column in the enclosed action plan for Carlisle City Council and the new compliance score is listed both in that column and underneath the original compliance score.

The service scored a level 2 (compliance in most but not all areas) for the following:

1. Work programme and service delivery

The service scored a level 3 (full compliance) in the following areas:

1. Enforcement Policy & Practice (subject to a number of minor actions being completed – see action plan)
2. Staff competence and training
3. Requests for service and accident investigation
4. Performance Management and Review

The lowest score achieved determines the overall compliance score.

The auditors noted that considerable progress has been made and that significant improvements in service delivery and documented procedures were evident at the time of the re-audit on 1 March 2007.

The area, which currently prohibits the award of a level 3 compliance, is the lack of a complete database-containing comprehensive, risk rated information on all premises subject to Council enforcement and the staff resources allocated to health and safety enforcement. The completion of the database is a priority as this is the basis upon which the inspection work programme is planned and prioritised and enables best use of available resources.

The establishment of a single team for health and safety service delivery with an additional member of staff dedicated to health and safety has improved service efficiency and significantly improved accountability and is evidence of the positive commitment to health and safety enforcement by Carlisle City Council. However, it is the view of the auditors taking into account the number and range of businesses subject to enforcement by Carlisle City Council that there remains insufficient resources to deliver the expected level and balance of service as set out in Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 - Section 18 Mandatory Guidance. The auditors would recommend a further full time post be established or additional time allocated to health and safety enforcement.

If you require any additional information or wish to discuss the report, audit process or action plan please contact either Elaine Lomas (Tel No: 01768 212400 or Elaine.lomas@eden.gov.uk or myself

Yours Sincerely

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