

6 SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT - ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ESTABLISHMENT OF POST OF ASBESTOS CO-ORDINATOR (AN480-2004)

The Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002 came into effect on 21st May, 2004. These place a responsibility on the 'duty holder' (ie the Council) to manage asbestos in its non-domestic properties and in properties that are defined as a 'place of work'. Under the Regulations, duty holders require to determine the existence/condition of asbestos and asbestos containing materials within properties, assess the risk of fibre release and prepare an instigate a Management Plan to address/control that risk.

In order to assist the Council to fulfil its responsibilities under these new Regulations, it is proposed to establish a post of Asbestos Co-ordinator, grade PO5-8, £27,873-£30,060, to reflect the duties and responsibilities to be undertaken.

Since June 2004, the incumbent of a post of Architectural Technician, who has obtained a specialist asbestos qualification, has begun to carry out the tasks involved. It is, therefore, proposed to transfer the incumbent of this post to the newly created post.

The financial implication of this proposal is £7,358 in 2004/05 and £27,257 in a full financial year and can be contained within the departmental revenue budget.

The Committee's approval is sought.