

**REPORT TO:** Safer Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Environment & Economy

**SUBJECT:** Presentation to board from the Health and Safety Executive

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

**1.1 To provide a background to the presentation**

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

- (1) The presentation be received.
- (2) Members take the opportunity to put questions to the Health and Safety Executive.

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

At the September meeting of the Safer PPB The Chair, Cllr Osborne, requested that a representative from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) be invited to provide the board with an update of the HSE's work in the borough.

The HSE is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of Work and Pensions and accountable to its ministers. The primary function of the HSE is to secure the health, safety and welfare of people at work and protect members of the public who may be affected by work activities. The HSE are responsible for regulating Health and Safety in the UK and work in partnership with local authorities.

Within Halton responsibility for enforcement of health and safety law is shared between the HSE and the Authority. The HSE are responsible for manufacturing, construction and specialist processes such as the chemical industry, whilst the Authority is responsible for retail, catering, warehousing and consumer service sectors. The HSE works in partnership with the Authority to address shared priorities.

It is important to note that this presentation will address the HSE's role in regulating businesses in the borough and is not intended to consider the HSE's role in overseeing the activities of the Authority as a duty holder.