

## **Castings Health and Safety Advisory Committee (CHASAC)**

### **1.0 Introduction**

The name of the committee is CHASAC.

CHASAC is a strategic health and safety delivery partnership for the castings and foundry industries.

Businesses in the castings and foundry industries are manufacturers of metal components using moulds to shape molten metals.

The CHASAC partnership comprises the HSE, employers, trade associations and trades unions and all partners are of equal status.

CHASAC affirms the commitment of the industry to the principles set out in the HSE strategy "Helping Great Britain Work Well".

### **2.0 Objectives**

CHASAC shall have the following objectives:

- a) To identify strategic high-level health and safety issues of relevance to the industry.
- b) To agree and promulgate health and safety strategies that will lead to best practice being adopted by the industry.
- c) To agree actions and programmes to deliver agreed strategic objectives.
- d) To monitor and challenge the industry's progress in implementing the strategies.
- e) Promote its visible leadership role in Health and Safety to the castings and foundry industries.
- f) Monitor, direct and promote the Safety and Health Foundry Targets Initiative (SHIFT)

### **3.0 (Committee) Membership**

#### **3.1 HSE Representatives**

Secretary – The secretariat function will be provided by the industry lead inspector within HSE from the manufacturing sector.

#### **HSE's role**

Will be to:

- a) Provide a secretariat function, providing relevant information, data and statistics
- b) Work in partnership with industry and unions to support achieving the objectives of the current strategy.
- c) Provide a point of contact and conduit for communications between HSE and CHASAC

#### **3.2 Industry Representatives**

The industry representatives will come from across the castings and foundry industry.

## **Industry Representatives role**

Their role will be to:

- Help develop and agree broad strategic objectives in relation to health and safety improvements for the industry
- Report back to CHASAC on their sector's progress (using support from their respective Trade Association, where appropriate)
- Raise strategic health and safety issues at CHASAC for consideration where appropriate

### **3.3 Union Representatives**

Union representation will consist of representation from the 'UNITE' and 'Community' trades unions. The representatives will be nominated by their respective organisations. The nominees will have influence and knowledge within molten metals industries to help influence and develop strategic direction to address health and safety issues.

#### **Union Representatives Role:**

The Union representatives will represent the employee's perspective and interest with regards to health and safety management. They will, through their network, help to support the implementation of the CHASAC strategic objectives. They will also contribute to identifying relevant strategic objectives in the foundries and castings industries to inform the work of CHASAC.

### **3.4 Trade Association Representatives**

The primary trade association member of CHASAC is:

The Cast Metals Federation (CMF).

#### **Trade Association Representatives Role:**

The Trade Association will contribute to identifying relevant strategic objectives in the foundries and castings industries to inform the work of CHASAC. They will provide support with industry engagement and facilitate the dissemination of information to the industry, to help ensure the strategic objectives of CHASAC are met. They will support their members and facilitate the operation of any working group to assist delivery.

### **4.0 CHASAC Meetings**

CHASAC meetings will be held 4 times per year, either in person or on-line.

The purpose of the meetings will be to set and monitor implementation of the strategic objectives and monitor any emerging strategic issues.

Through the membership of CHASAC, challenge to the industry will be provided in terms of health and safety performance and progress against the strategic objectives.

Where a member is unable to attend a CHASAC meeting he/she will be expected to arrange for a suitable substitute to attend in his/her place.

If a member fails to attend, or send a suitable substitute, to two consecutive meetings it shall be open to the Chair to recommend to the committee that his/her membership is reviewed.

Where meeting dates are changed at short notice due consideration will be given to members who are not able to attend and are not able to provide a suitable substitute as required in paragraph above.

## **5.0 Working Groups**

Subject to the agreement of CHASAC, Working Groups may be established on a task and finish basis. Such Working Groups shall be a means for delivering practical outcomes in support of the CHASAC strategy.