

REPORT: Executive Board

DATE: 15 January 2009

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director - Environment

SUBJECT: To Seek Nominations to Serve on the Ineos Local Liaison Forum

WARDS: Boroughwide

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the requirements of and to nominate Elected Members to serve on the Forum.

2. RECOMMENDED

That the Executive Board nominates 4 Elected Members to serve on the Forum.

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Prior to commencing development on the Energy from Waste CHP Plant which, was consented by the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform there is a requirement to satisfy the terms of the associated planning obligation.

3.2 The Local Liaison Forum (LLF) is required by virtue of the terms of the Section 106 Agreement entered into between Halton Borough Council and INEOS Chlor Limited: That agreement says:-

“The owner agrees not to Implement the Permission until it has submitted to the Council a scheme detailing the membership and frequency of meetings to be held by a local liaison forum and the Council has approved in writing the said scheme and to carry out the scheme in accordance with the Council’s approval unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Council.”

3.3 The purpose of the Forum will be to act as conduit between INEOS ChlorVinyls, Halton Borough Council and community stakeholders from those areas located nearest to the Energy from Waste CHP plant in order to keep residents fully informed during construction of the plant and to respond to queries raised. INEOS ChlorVinyls have agreed to extend the duration of the Forum to cover operation of the plant for as long as it is deemed beneficial.

3.4 Membership of the LLF is proposed as;

Halton Borough Council – 1 officer
Halton Borough Council – 4 elected members
INEOS ChlorVinyls -4 representatives (including 1 administrative position)
Main Construction Contractor – 1 representative
Environment Agency -1 representative
Health & Safety Executive – 1 representative
Halton & St Helens Primary Care Trust – 1 representative
INEOS Site Community Forum – 1 representative

- 3.5 It is intended that the Forum will be established in spring 2009 and meet bi-monthly. It is intended that the Council will review the purpose and need for the Forum, periodically.

4. POLICY

The LLF will help to contribute to the implementation of the extant planning permission and assist with community engagement.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

6. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 6.1 Children and Young People-None
- 6.2 Employment Learning and Skills- None directly, although the implementation of the development will help secure existing jobs as well as creating a number of temporary construction posts.
- 6.3 A Healthy Halton- None
- 6.4 A Safer Halton-None
- 6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal- None

7. RISK ANALYSIS

None.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

The Forum will enhance community engagement and help enable accessibility to information for all.

9. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

Documents

Copies of planning permission and legal agreement can be viewed at the Council's offices at Rutland House, Halton Lea, Runcorn.