

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 16th July 2009

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Environment

SUBJECT: To Consider representation at the Ineos Local Liaison Forum

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider increasing the Council's representation on the Ineos Local Liaison Forum (LLF).

2.0 RECOMMENDED

That the Executive Board nominates two additional Elected Members to the Ineos Local Liaison Forum.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Members may recall that, at the meeting on 13th January, consideration was given to a report setting out details of the establishment of a Local Liaison Forum required in connection with the Energy from Waste facility planned by Ineos Chlor. At the time, it was resolved that "four Elected Members should be nominated to serve on the Forum." In the event, the Leader of the Opposition was asked to provide two representatives and the Council Leader also provided two nominations. By the meeting of this Board on 16th July, the LLF will have met on three occasions, the latest meeting having been on 8th July, with Cllrs Mike Hodgkinson, Ernie Ratcliffe, Alan Lowe and Dave Cargill representing the Council.

3.2. The Leader of the Council considers that the Council's best interest would be served if Council representation on the LLF was increased to six members. The additional nominations would be provided by the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Conservative Group.

4.0 POLICY AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 A wider Council representation will assist with ensuring a broad community engagement in respect of the implementation and operation of this energy from waste facility.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

5.1 None.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 None.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 The Forum enhances community engagement and helps enable accessibility to information for all. Increasing the Council's representation will further improve this.

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

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