

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2015
title: GENERAL REPORT
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of relevant issues which have arisen since the last meeting.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Council Ambitions – The following reports generally relate to the Council's ambitions to make people's lives healthier and safer.

2 PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES RISK ASSESSMENT PROGRESS

2.1 I am pleased to report that progress is ongoing to meet the EU/Drinking Water Inspectorate completion of the initial Risk Assessment and compliance sampling of our private water supplies, albeit we did not meet the 31 December 2014 deadline.

2.2 Since the last report, progress has continued with 75 supplies now being completed in relation to risk assessment, which is now well over half way, there remain 46 to complete. Due to the complexity and detail of the process, including the need to serve multiple notices on all users of each supply failing to meet the standards, it is only proving possible for in the order of 8 supplies to be assessed each month. The project lead officer, Matthew Riding, is making every effort to complete the assessments as quickly as possible, the more realistic completion date remains November 2015. Altogether, this is proving to be a much bigger piece of work than originally envisaged.

3 HANSON CEMENT LIAISON MEETING

3.1 A liaison meeting was held on 26 March 2015, a copy of the minutes are attached for your information as Appendix A to this report.

4 FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY AUDIT OF APPROVED PREMISES

4.1 Further to my previous report to this Committee in January, I am pleased to inform Committee of the satisfactory findings of the 'focussed audit' into the Council's food control regulatory function of 'Approved Premises' within the Ribble Valley by the Food Standards Agency (FSA). The audit was a detailed two and half day audit that commenced on Tuesday, 27 January 2015.

4.2 Ribble Valley was selected as part of a programme of focused audits to ensure that risk based and proportionate controls are in place at approved dairy establishments. This follows the audit by the Food and Veterinary Office in April 2013 of the official controls for milk and dairy products in the UK.

4.3 The audit was principally undertaken of the premises files for all our dairy approved premises and concluded the following;

- That the necessary controls were generally in place and being undertaken;
- The FSA Enforcement letter ENF/E/13/011 had not been actioned when first issued and lack of system in place to action;

- That the Annual Food Service Plan did not give enough emphasis on the significant resource commitment of the large number of approved premises within the borough;
- Need to include training and maintaining officer competencies and maintain records in training log;
- Need to implement declared sampling programme;
- Need to review and update overarching authorisation procedure to meet current code of practice;
- Develop 'product specific' inspection templates and update procedure note to include;
- Approved premises official control files were not being checked & signed off by a competent officer;

4.4 The majority of the above were administrative and were remedied immediately.

5 AIR QUALITY – TRIENNIAL UPDATE & ASSESSMENT REPORT 2015

5.1 The mandatory triennial air quality report has recently been completed and submitted to DEFRA for consideration and validation.

5.2 The report identifies a further year of significantly reduced average Nitrogen Dioxide levels monitored in 2014 in the Whalley Road Air Quality Management area, with all monitoring sites being below the national air quality objective of 40 ug/m³.

5.3 I am pleased to report the considerable success of the tamper proofing measures introduced last year to reduce interference with these figures as occurred in 2013, without the continuing significant loss of sampling tubes.

5.4 The report includes the recommendation that the Air Quality Management Area can be revoked but that enhanced monitoring continue along Whalley Road for the next 12 months. Furthermore, the development of an AQMA Action Plan be put on hold in the meantime.

6 PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES – CHANGE TO AGREED FEE & CHARGE

6.1 Since the fees & charges were set for this financial year by Committee at the October 2014 meeting, an error was identified in relation to the proposed fee set for 'other investigations'. The report had indicated the fee to be 'at cost, minimum of £ 100 and it should have read 'at cost' to a maximum of £100. The final fees & charges budget book lists the correct charge however, Committee is asked to note this change.

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**HANSON CEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE – THURSDAY, 26 MARCH 2015**

PRESENT:	Simon Moorhouse	-	Hanson Cement
	Sam Wrathall	-	Hanson Cement
	Linda England	-	Bellman Committee
	Mary Gysbers	-	Bellman Committee
	Stephen Booth	-	Chatburn PC
	David Sharp	-	West Bradford PC
	Jonathan Haine	-	LCC
	Cllr R Sherras	-	RVBC
	Cllr I Brown	-	RVBC
	J Russell	-	RVBC
	O Heap	-	RVBC

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Phil Goodwin (EA) and Bill Honeywell (West Bradford PC).

2 MINUTES

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2014 were circulated and approved as a correct record.

3. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

3.1 Simon gave a brief update on operations at Ribblesdale where production was continually improving and restored to 2008 levels. Ribblesdale is the sole supplier of cement to Hinckley Point – a 7 year project which will peak in 2017/18. As a result, staffing had increased from 75 - 102.

3.2 During the winter shutdown £2.5m had been spent on the plant/site. Simon gave details of the work carried out.

4 BELLMAN, LANEHEAD AND COPLOW QUARRIES

4.1 Sam reported on the current workings of the quarries that were going well. De-watering has continued from Bellman into Worston Brook and Lanehead into the Ribble in compliance with EA permit conditions. They were now ready to go down to another level in Bellman.

4.2 Simon presented an overview of blasting data for both Bellman and Lanehead along with the outflow data that confirmed excellent compliance with quarry planning conditions.

4.3 Simon gave details of the outflows at Bellman and Lanehead along with suspended solids/ph graphs. He also showed data for the settlement pond.

4.4 With regard to Coplow quarry – the definitive closure and restoration would be complete by September 2015. Decision is now to cap with liner and use overburden soil from Bellman.

5 SUBSTITUTE FUELS / MATERIALS UPDATE

5.1 Simon showed a bar chart of the comparative use of substitute fuels. These totalled approximately 60% with a target of 64%. The use of SRF was improving all the time. There was no plans to use anything different at the present time.
Cemfuel – 16%; Tyres – 9%; MBM – 6.4%; and SRF – 25.7%

6 COMMUNITY CONCERNS (COMPLAINTS)

6.1 Simon reported on 5 dust complaints that had been received all of which were very localised to the site.

7 APPLICATION FOR VARIATION

7.1 James had received a consultation document that he had responded to with support in principle. This was for standardisation across all cement works.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

8.1 Simon reported that there had been no environmental permission breaches since the last meeting.

9. AOB

9.1 A tour of the Educational / Training rooms, the quarries at Bellman and Lanehead and the site was given to those who wanted to go.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10.1 The next meeting of the Hanson Cement Liaison Committee will be held on Thursday 24 September 2015.