

Report of the Inner East Area Management Officer

East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 21 October 2010

Subject: Biffa proposed Energy Recovery Facility

Electoral Wards Affected:

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
Gipton & Harehills
Killingbeck & Seacroft

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Ward members consulted
(referred to in this report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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Narrowing the Gap

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Council
Function

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Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

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Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

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Executive Summary

Biffa are proposing to develop an Energy Recovery Facility on the former Skelton Grange Power station site. This report introduces representatives from Biffa and SLR¹ who are attending the area committee as part of their consultation exercise.

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to introduce Mike Harty and Jason Stringer (Biffa) and Elizabeth Simmons (SLR) who are presenting proposals for an Energy Recovery Facility on the former Skelton Grange Power Station site.

Background Information

2. Biffa is one of the UK's leading nationwide integrated waste management businesses. It provides waste collection, treatment, recycling and technologically driven energy production services to local and national customers in the industrial, commercial and municipal sectors.

¹ SLR are a global environmental consultancy

The Proposal

3. The proposal is to use residual waste from the Leeds area to produce 21 megawatts of electricity and to facilitate the supply of heat to neighbouring developments (the equivalent of 42,000 homes' electricity).
4. Biffa's chosen location is the site formerly occupied by the Skelton Grange coal-fired Power Station A, generator house and cooling towers. It is some 5 km south east of Leeds city centre in the Lower Aire Valley, and is accessed via Skelton Grange Road through Stourton Industrial Estate from the south.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

6. The chosen site has outline planning permission for major re-development. Consultation has been carried out local residents, councillors and other key stakeholders prior to a planning application being submitted.

Legal and Resource Implications

7. None

Conclusions

8. Biffa are developing proposals for an Energy Recovery Facility on the former Skelton Grange Power Station site and are presenting their proposals to the Area Committee as part of their consultation exercise.

Recommendations

9. The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report;

Background Papers

Skelton Grange Energy Recovery Facility website:
<http://www.erf-skelton-grange.co.uk/Biffa.html>