

Decisions of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday, 21 February 2024

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Decisions

5. WADDINGTON'S ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS FACILITY - ENVIRONMENTAL EMISSIONS

Resolved –

- 1. That officers, residents, local business owners and representatives of Waddington's (JGP Group) be thanked for their attendance and participation at the meeting**
- 2. That it be noted that Members were not confident that the BAT (best available techniques) for addressing the odour problem were fit for purpose. Whilst Members noted that the Statutory Guidance was set by Government, they requested that Bradford Council actively engage with the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), work collaboratively with other Councils who also have animal by product rendering plants in their District to expedite the completion of the national review as soon as possible to ensure that higher standards are introduced; and that in addition, recommend that the Leader of the Council write to the Secretary of State to request the prompt introduction of higher standards that successfully address long standing problems.**
- 3. That officers be requested to investigate any relevant planning history of the Waddington's (JGP Group) facility to discover whether any legislative breaches had occurred which would support further investigation to resolve problems caused by odour.**
- 4. That the joint Scrutiny committee requested a full investigation by an industry recognised, independent inspector be undertaken to address the health concerns raised by residents relating to the impact of the plant on their health and wellbeing. It is further requested that this investigation be funded by Waddington's (JGP Group) but must be commissioned by Bradford Council to ensure transparency and credibility. In the event that this is not agreed upon by Waddingtons (J G Pears), that this be referred to the Executive Committee, Bradford City Council for consideration of action to be taken to facilitate the provision of the independent inspection report.**
- 5. That it be noted that Members supported the concept of a community action group being formed comprising of local residents and businesses who would act as monitors of the plant to provide information when**

odours occur, their duration and the tangible impact they have on residents. Waddington's (JGP Group) are requested to engage with the group and thoroughly investigate their concerns in a transparent manner. It is also recommended that the community action group consider the means for residents to raise complaints regarding odours when they occur in the most informative, constructive and efficient manner that is easy for them to access.

6. That the Committee welcomed the offer by Waddington's (JGP Group) to visit the facility and that the necessary arrangements be made through the Chair.
7. That all stakeholders liaise with the Chair (Cllr Jamil) to ensure that the above are actioned, wherever possible and that the progress and outcomes be monitored by the Chair.

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