

**Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 01 September 2025**

**Question from: Keith Woodhouse**

**Question to: Councillor Durrans, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Public Services and Communities**

### **QUESTION**

Calderdale have agreed an environmental Permit to CVSH. The Government Inspector Jenkins stated that a condition of use would include a requirement for the Incinerator to operate and achieve a recoverable energy level of R1 and also be connected to the National Power Grid.

Will Calderdale insist that the recovery rate of R1 must be achieved by the incinerator once it becomes operational and that connection to the national grid is necessary requirement.

### **Response**

Condition 8 of Planning Permission 17/00113/WAM states:

*Before the first operation of the SWIP hereby approved a scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority to demonstrate that electrical generation and/or heat recovery systems have been installed with the capability to meet equivalent energy outputs per unit of waste derived fuel input that meets or exceeds the equivalent of the R1 energy efficiency index . The SWIP shall be operated and maintained in accordance with the approved scheme to ensure that it continues to meet this R1 energy efficiency index and maintains Recovery status.*

A scheme has been submitted and approved under planning application no 17/00113/DISC4. Details are available to view via the Council's 'search planning applications' function. Unless a further document is submitted for approval, this is the document that will be used as the basis of any planning enforcement investigation which may ensue in the event that a breach of the approved document is found. The regulations around Planning Enforcement require the local planning authority to take a view as to whether further action would be expedient and in the public interest. This process would be followed in the event that a Planning Enforcement investigation were to take place.

Condition 7 of the same permission states:

*Before the first operation of the SWIP, a scheme for its connection to the National Grid for the export of electricity shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The connection shall be completed in accordance with the approved details before the first operation of the SWIP and shall be maintained as installed. The SWIP shall not be operated in the event that the connection to the National Grid for the export of electricity is available for use.*

Unless there is an application to amend this condition the local planning authority will expect a connection to the grid to be made. If this does not happen when the SWIP becomes operational it will again be referred to Planning Enforcement for consideration.