

**Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 13 January 2025**

**Question from: Cllr Dickenson**

**Question to:**

Item 11 is the 2024 Annual Health and Safety Report for Calderdale MBC but there is no mention of the Sowerby Bridge Incinerator in the report. Please can I request that the Health and Safety Team look into the potential health issues that could arise from the incinerator and report back to Cabinet. Moreover, what reassurances can the Cabinet provide about the robustness of the monitoring of the incinerator and enforcement of the environmental permit and planning conditions.

**Response**

he Council's Health and Safety team holds no jurisdiction or enforcement powers over this particular business or its associated activities. Their primary role is to ensure that sites, buildings, land, and associated activities under the Council's control are managed in a way that does not pose a risk to the health, safety and welfare of our staff and the general public. As the business in question is a private entity, and the main concern appears to be in relation to pollution issues, the responsibility for enforcement falls with the local authorities Environmental Health team. A summary of the roles and responsibilities of different enforcement agencies can be found on the HSE's website [here](#).

From the perspective of Environmental Health, the permit will be used as the basis by which the SWIP will be monitored with consideration of appropriate enforcement action if any permit conditions are breached, in accordance with environmental permitting regulations and associated legislation.

In respect of planning conditions, the Planning Enforcement team monitor the planning conditions. Although planning conditions are not generally monitored in an ongoing or proactive way in the circumstances of this case, they consider that it would be appropriate to schedule a 6 monthly review of the conditions, over and above investigating any ad-hoc complaints as and when they are made and that resource is in place to support this level of response. Any ad-hoc complaints will be triaged quickly and accorded the appropriate priority for investigation.