

Appendix 'B'

Health Advisory Group – Terms of Reference

Aim

The role of the Health Advisory Group is to support the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) process and where appropriate, members of the Health Advisory Group will provide expert technical advice.

Objectives

A Rapid HIA will be undertaken of the shale gas exploratory stage, specifically to the proposed sites at Roseacre Wood and Preston New Road. This will include:

- Establishing and quantifying the potential health impacts.
- Identifying the potential distribution of health impacts across different groups in the population.
- Making recommendations for action to mitigate negative and maximise positive impacts of the health and wellbeing these residents.

It is preferred that the Rapid HIA will be completed within a 10 to 12 week period from receipt of the two proposed applications for shale gas exploration.

Membership

Lead

Director of Public Health

The following will provide expert advice to the Director of Public Health, where appropriate:

- LCC Environmental Technical Expert
- Public Health England Environmental Scientist
- HIA Consultant
- LCC Knowledge and Intelligence
- Deputy County Secretary and Solicitor
- Head of Communications
- Fylde Borough Council

Stakeholders

The following representatives will be asked to submit written evidence and/or attend a Health Advisory Group meeting to provide expert advice to the Director of Public Health:

- Regulators (Environment agency, Department of Energy and Climate Change, Health and Safety Executive, Lancashire County Council Planning, Environmental Health – Fylde Borough Council)
- Industry Sector
- Academics

Community engagement

Existing mechanisms will be used to engage with local residents living in the two areas and Parish, District and County Councillors representing the two areas of the proposed sites for shale gas exploration. This is to inform them about the process of undertaking the HIA and to understand their concerns regarding the health impacts of shale gas exploration.