Frodsham Town Council
UEOG Working Group
Set up by Environment Committee, on behalf of FTC, under SO 16.a.

Terms of Reference 2016-17

UEOG (Unconventional Extraction of Oil & Gas, includes Fracking)

1 **Objectives:**

1.1 To provide a forum for discussion and dissemination of information regarding the development of a site for natural gas exploration near Frodsham;

1.2 To monitor changes in the wider context, e.g. in policy, planning or legislation, that are potentially relevant to Frodsham;

1.3 To inform and consult with residents about UEOG as it may affect Frodsham;

1.4 To liaise with other local councils/councillors for mutual benefit in building capacity to act effectively in relation to UEOG on behalf of residents in Frodsham and the surrounding area;

1.5 To report back to the Town Council with regard to the above.

2 **Composition**

2.1 *Membership*: The UEOG Working Group will consist of:

- At least three Councillors from FTC;
- Representatives of local Parish Councils;
- Representatives from local Community Groups;
- Other interested residents

2.2 *Chairmanship*: The UEOG Working Group will elect a Chair & a Vice-Chair from its FTC members at its first meeting each year

2.3 *Meetings*: The UEOG Working Group will normally meet monthly. The UEOG Working Group will call extra-ordinary meetings as necessary.

2.4 *Voting*: Only FTC Councillors will have a vote.

2.5 *The Quorum* for a meeting will be a minimum of three FTC Councillors.

3 **Rights & Powers**

3.1 The UEOG Working Group will have limited delegated powers and must make recommendations to FTC for consideration and approval

3.2 The UEOG Working Group may Convene Special Meetings in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

4 **Responsibilities**

4.1 To carry out research into & consult about UEOG issues;

4.2 To liaise with Ineos & other companies involved in exploration;

4.3 To provide opportunities for Ineos to explain all aspects of its activities required to establish the full operation of the site including such as the findings from geological surveys, the content of environmental assessments, planning /environmental applications, monitoring and safety data, and the operations of the site.

4.4 To provide opportunities for residents to express their views.

4.5 To provide regular updates to residents.

Adopted by UEOG Working Group – xx xxx 2016
Agreed by P&P – xx xxx 2016
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