

A WHITE ROSE FOREST PARTNERSHIP EVENT HOSTED BY CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



BIOMASS—THE BURNING ISSUE!

**RAMADA HOTEL, BRADFORD
23rd February 2006**

Biomass can provide significant benefits in terms of job creation, training and education opportunities and can offer investors energy cost savings as the price of fossil fuels continues to rise. This is a half day information event for local authority decision makers designed to provide relevant and up to date information on the economic, social and environmental benefits of conversion to biomass renewable energy systems. The information given on the day will assist local authorities to make informed decisions on making a change. The event will include a visit to a wood recycling facility in Keighley that has recently installed a heating system that runs on wood waste.

Biomass is a carbon neutral renewable fuel and can contribute to reduction of CO² emissions and help meet Government targets. It has been identified in the recent Biomass Task Force report to Government as the only widespread source of renewable heat and there are considerable possibilities for the public sector to increase investment in biomass heat systems.

Topics covered on the day will include:

- Current investment opportunities and capital support programmes
- Benefits of biomass as a renewable source of energy including employment and training opportunities and energy cost savings
- National and Regional Renewable Energy perspectives
- Fuel supply chains and the biomass resource
- Case studies

Programme:

- 9.30-10.00: Registration
- 10.00-10.10: Welcome and Introductions
- 10.10-10.30: Investment opportunities and capital programmes—Mike Smith, Head of Sustainable Development, Yorkshire Forward
- 10.30-11.00: Economic benefits of managed woodlands in the biomass supply chain in West Yorkshire—Neil Harrison, NEWFuels
- 11.00-11.20: Break
- 11.20-11.50: Case study-Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council—Dick Bradford, Energy Manager BMBC
- 11.50-12.00: Questions and further information
- 12.00: Lunch
- 12.30: Site visit

Please complete your details below and send the registration form to:

White Rose Forest, c/o Kirklees Culture and Leisure Services, Stadium Business and Leisure Complex, Stadium Way, Huddersfield, HD1 6PG, TEL 01484 234079 or FAX 01484 234099 or e-mail guy.thompson@kirklees.gov.uk by 9th February 2006. Further details will be sent in due course.

Please tick this box if you intend to go on the site visit to Keighley Furniture Recycling biomass system after lunch:

Name.....Organisation.....

Address.....

Tel.....E-mail.....

Dietary requirements.....

