

Hull Progress:

Below is a summary of the key steps in the legal process laid down for any local authority considering the introduction of Water Fluoridation, and progress to date in Hull:

Phase	Activity	Key decision points and Progress in Hull	
1	Scoping and informal discussion with other affected local authorities	<p>Decision to investigate feasibility of Community Water fluoridation (CWF).</p> <p>Commissioning an initial feasibility study from the water company.</p> <p>Decision to further investigate the possibility of CWF.</p>	<p>Complete Health and Wellbeing Board June 2015</p> <p>Complete Initial feasibility study received</p> <p>Complete Health Overview Scrutiny Commission Nov 2016 Cabinet Nov 2016</p>
2	Development of an operable and efficient proposal	<p>Commissioning a more detailed feasibility/engineering study.</p> <p>Water company opinion regarding the scheme being 'operable and efficient' received.</p> <p>Liaison with potentially affected LAs</p>	Currently scoping
3	Commencement of statutory process – make an initial proposal (perhaps with multiple proposers) to Secretary of State for Health and seek their approval that the proposal is 'operable and efficient'.	<p>Making a formal proposal to secretary of state.</p> <p>Secretary of state opinion (which allows LAs to proceed to next stage.</p>	Not started
4	Consultation (3 months minimum) with other affected local authorities (if any), and securing their consent to proceed.	Requires LAs representing 67% or more of the affected population to agree to start public consultation.	Not started
5	Public consultation (3 months minimum) and subsequent decision-making by joint committee.	<p>Establishing LA joint committee arrangements (where more than one LA affected)</p> <p>Undertake public consultation.</p> <p>Final decision and formal notification of secretary of state.</p>	Not started
6	Making an agreement between the secretary of state and the water company including issuing an indemnity to the company.	<p>Formal request from secretary of state to water company to enter into arrangements.</p> <p>Formal agreement for scheme concluded.</p>	Not started
7	Scheme implementation.	Scheme operational	Not started

This is the process as it is understood based on guidance documents, interpretation of the underlying legislation and discussions with partners including Public Health England but may change as the process progresses. The process set out above is the process that Hull City Council are following but is not intended to be a definitive summary of the legislation.

Please note this document will be updated to reflect progress through each phase.