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**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**Subject: Request for Scrutiny**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**Summary of main issues**

1. A request for Scrutiny has been received from a member of the public, Mrs Carolyn Walker, in relation to the Peckfield Landfill Site near Micklefield. Mrs Walker has requested that the Scrutiny Board considers the ongoing issues linked to the operation of this site and the role of the Council and the Environment Agency in this regard.
2. Mrs Walker has been invited to today's meeting to present her request to the Board. Representatives from Environment and Housing, City Development and the Environment Agency have also been invited to respond to this request.
3. Attached to this report is a briefing paper from the Environment Agency summarising the regulatory work undertaken at the Peckfield Landfill Site over the last 12 months. Also attached is a copy of a community newsletter from the Environment Agency entitled 'Keeping you informed' and dated July 2014.
4. The decision whether or not to further investigate matters raised by a request for scrutiny is the sole responsibility of the Scrutiny Board. As such, any decision in this regard is final and there is no right of appeal.
5. When considering the request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board may wish to consider:
  - If further information is required before considering whether further scrutiny should be undertaken;

- If a similar or related issue is already being examined by Scrutiny or has been considered by Scrutiny recently;
- If the matter raised is of sufficient significance and has the potential for scrutiny to produce realistic recommendations that could be implemented and lead to tangible improvements;
- The impact on the Board's current workload;
- The time available to undertake further scrutiny;
- The level of resources required to carry out further scrutiny;
- Whether an Inquiry should be undertaken.

## **Recommendations**

6. The Scrutiny Board is asked to:

- (i) Consider the request for Scrutiny from Mrs Walker.
- (ii) Consider the response of the representatives from Environment and Housing, City Development and the Environment Agency to the issues raised.
- (iii) Determine if it wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter.

## **Background papers<sup>1</sup>**

7. None used

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.