

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

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care)**

**Date: 20 October 2015**

**Subject: Air Quality – scrutiny inquiry**

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
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

- 1 At the beginning of the municipal year (2015/16), the Scrutiny Board identified Air Quality as a specific area for more detailed consideration.
- 2 A report on Air Quality is due to be considered by the Executive Board at its meeting on 21 October 2015. This is appended to this report for the Scrutiny Board's consideration prior to the Executive Board meeting.
- 3 Suitable representatives have been invited to attend the meeting to introduce the report prepared for the Executive Board and address any queries from the Scrutiny Board.
- 4 In addition, a representative from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust has been invited to the meeting to provide an outline of the potential impact of poor Air Quality.
- 5 As part of the initial guidance in scoping the Board's inquiry, the following matters were identified as possible considerations (along with supporting data, where appropriate):
  - Air quality across the City, including particular hot spots
  - How Leeds compares to other areas – West Yorkshire; Core Cities; Other comparator groups
  - Impact of poor air quality on the City – health, environmental, financial etc.
  - Details of main causes of poor air quality
  - How to improve air quality – including a cost / benefit analysis of the improvement actions

- A summary of air quality legislation – what responsibilities the Council has; any enforcement powers available and if/how these are used.
- Details of any guidance/ good practice (e.g. NICE guidance) and how the Council performs against the guidance.

6 Any additional details to those presented in the Executive Board report are likely to be considered at a future meeting of the Scrutiny Board.

### **Recommendations**

7 The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider the details presented at the meeting and determine any further scrutiny activity or actions deemed appropriate, including any specific details required as part of the Board's inquiry.

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

8 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.