

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

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Environment and Housing)**

**Date: 17 November 2015**

**Subject: Peckfield Landfill Site**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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. Last year, the former Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board responded to a public request for Scrutiny in relation to the Peckfield landfill site near Micklefield. The Board agreed to undertake an inquiry to consider the ongoing issues linked to the operation of this site and the role of the Council and the Environment Agency in this regard.
2. In conclusion of this inquiry, the Board published its final report in April 2015 setting out its findings and recommendations. This report is attached as appendix 1.
3. It now falls within the remit of the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Board to monitor the implementation of the recommendations arising from this inquiry. Whilst the formal tracking of the inquiry recommendations, in accordance with the usual Scrutiny recommendation tracking system, has been scheduled for December, the Board specifically requested a general update on the Peckfield site at today's meeting and to also consider more broadly the respective roles of the Council and the Environment Agency in relation to the general management of landfill sites.
4. Representatives from City Development and Environment and Housing will be attending today's meeting to contribute to the Board's discussion on this matter. The City Development directorate has also provided background information to help inform the Board's discussion (see appendix 2).
5. Unfortunately a representative from the Environment Agency is unable to attend today's meeting, but will be attending in December when the Board continues its

discussions on this matter. However, the Environment Agency has provided a brief written update for the Board's consideration at today's meeting (see appendix 3).

### **Recommendation**

6. Members are asked to:
  - (a) Acknowledge the attached report of the former Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board following its inquiry into Peckfield landfill site;
  - (b) Consider and provide any comment on the attached information;
  - (c) Identify any issues arising from today's discussion that the Board wishes to discuss further at its December meeting.

### **Background documents<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.