

## Report of Head of Governance Services

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

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016**

**Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry into improving air quality – draft terms of reference**

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
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## 1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 At the beginning of the municipal year, the Director of Environment and Housing and the Executive Member for Environment and Sustainability raised the need to improve air quality as a key local priority for the Council and one which would benefit from further Scrutiny by the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Board. Whilst the Board agreed to undertake an inquiry into this matter, it also acknowledged the cross-cutting nature of this area of work. Invitations were therefore extended to the City Development and Adult Social Services, Public Health and NHS Scrutiny Boards to contribute to this inquiry.
- 1.2 The Board agreed to hold a working group meeting to discuss the potential scope for this inquiry, with the intention of bringing the draft terms of reference to its September meeting for consideration and formal agreement.
- 1.3 The draft terms of reference for the Scrutiny Board's inquiry into improving air quality in Leeds will be tabled at today's meeting for the Board's consideration and agreement.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. Members are requested to consider and agree the terms of reference for its forthcoming inquiry into improving air quality.

### **3. Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

3.1 None

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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.