
Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Environment and Housing)

Date: 8th December 2016

Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry into improving air quality in Leeds – session 2

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. The Environment and Housing Scrutiny Board decided to undertake an inquiry this year into improving air quality in Leeds and agreed the terms of reference for this inquiry at its September 2016 meeting. In acknowledging the cross-cutting nature of this area of work, representatives from the City Development and Adult Social Services, Public Health and NHS Scrutiny Boards were also invited to contribute to this inquiry.
2. The purpose of today's meeting is to consider evidence in line with session 2 of the inquiry. In accordance with the agreed terms of reference, this session focuses on existing and potential mechanisms used to engage the public and various stakeholder groups on the issue of air quality and potential solutions.
3. In preparation for this session, the Director of Environment and Housing has provided a report which largely concentrates on the issue of public awareness of the impact of air quality. However, it is acknowledged that further communications work will also need to be undertaken in developing specific plans to inform stakeholders of the impact of any measures that might be introduced and the reasoning behind them.
4. Representatives from across the relevant directorates and also other external organisations will be attending today's meeting to contribute to the Board's discussion on this matter.

Recommendation

5. Members are asked to consider the attached report in line with session 2 of its inquiry into improving air quality in Leeds.

Background documents¹

6. None used

¹ 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.