

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities)

Date: 26 July 2018

Subject: IMPROVING AIR QUALITY WITHIN THE CITY

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

Purpose of this report

1. In May 2017, the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Housing) published its inquiry report into Improving Air Quality in Leeds. Since the publication of that report, scrutiny focus has continued, and in July 2017 the Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities) considered a report on the proposed consultation process for the implementation of an air quality solution in Leeds. During that meeting the Board acknowledged that a more detailed approach would be produced, and resolved to schedule a working group meeting to consider the initial findings arising from the initial consultation process, and to provide the views of Scrutiny.
2. On the 13th of December 2017 a report was brought to Executive Board that outlined a proposed air quality solution. A Class B Clean Air Zone was proposed, effectively introducing a charge for any buses, coaches, HGVs and taxi and private hire vehicles that did not meet pre-determined emission standards.
3. Following the meeting of Executive Board, a working group of the Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities) met on the 15th of December 2017 to consider the proposed solution, provide feedback, and help inform the planned consultation process.
4. Officers will be in attendance at the Scrutiny Board meeting on the 26 July 2018 to provide a progress update, and more specifically to provide an overview of the consultation responses received on the Clean Air Charging Zone proposal and detail how the first stage of consultation responses have been considered and

reflected within an updated proposal. To support this the Executive Board reports considered on the 27 of June 2018, and the decision made at that meeting, are appended to this report.

5. The scheduling of this update facilitates an additional opportunity for support and challenge from the Scrutiny Board at this latter stage in the process, before the submission of the Full Business Case to Government in September 2018.

Recommendations

6. Scrutiny Board is recommended to
 - a) Consider and note this report, the appended Executive Board report and the decision of the Executive Board
 - b) Consider and note the information communicated at the meeting
 - c) Provide feedback or make recommendations as deemed appropriate.

Background documents¹

5. 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.