



**Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Adults and Health)**

**Date: 25 June 2019**

**Subject: Request for Scrutiny – Health Impacts of 5G**

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. A Request for Scrutiny has been received from a member of the public, detailed as follows:

*'I hereby request a scrutiny investigation into harmful effects of 5G technology before any decisions are made to roll it out in Leeds.*

*Numerous instances of evidence regarding its dangers are now becoming available and I would like a full investigation before any deployment in the Leeds area.'*

2. Further information has been provided to support the request for scrutiny, which is attached at Appendix 1. The member of the public making the request for scrutiny has been invited to attend the Scrutiny Board to present the request.
3. In order to help the Scrutiny Board consider the request, a briefing note prepared by officers of the Council has been prepared and is attached at Appendix 2.

Considering the request for scrutiny

4. The decision whether or not to further investigate matters raised by a request for scrutiny is the sole responsibility of the Scrutiny Board. As such, any decision in this regard is final and there is no right of appeal.
5. When considering the Request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board may wish to consider:

- If further information is required before considering whether further scrutiny should be undertaken;
- If a similar or related issue is already being examined by Scrutiny or has been considered by Scrutiny recently;
- If the matter raised is of sufficient significance and has the potential for scrutiny to produce realistic recommendations that could be implemented and lead to tangible improvements;
- The impact on the Board's current workload;
- The time available to undertake further scrutiny;
- The level of resources required to carry out further scrutiny;

### **Recommendations**

8. The Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS) is asked to consider the Request for Scrutiny and determine what, if any, further scrutiny activity is required.

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

9. 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.