

DECISION-MAKER:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE			
SUBJECT:	AIR QUALITY SCRUTINY INQUIRY - TERMS OF REFERENCE			
DATE OF DECISION:	10 th JULY 2014			
REPORT OF:	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE			
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY				
None				

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report requests that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) agrees the terms of reference for a scrutiny inquiry examining air quality in Southampton.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (i) That the Committee consider and approve the draft terms of reference for the scrutiny inquiry attached as Appendix 1.
- (ii) That authority is delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel, to finalise the inquiry plan.

REASON FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To enable the Scrutiny Panel to commence the scrutiny inquiry examining air quality in Southampton.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. It is the role of the OSMC to determine the scrutiny review programme. For 2014/15 the Scrutiny Panel are scheduled to undertake two inquiries.
4. Following the recent publication of a report from the World Health Organisation, and to enable the inquiry programme to commence as soon as possible, the Chair of the OSMC recommended improving air quality as an appropriate subject for the first scrutiny review of 2014/15.
5. Attached as Appendix 1 are the draft terms of reference for the inquiry, developed in consultation with the Chair of the Committee and officers from the Place Directorate and Public Health. Members are invited to comment on the document and suggest amendments.

6. The inquiry plan will be subject to the availability of consultees and needs to be flexible to enable the inquiry to respond to developments. It is therefore recommended that authority is delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel, to finalise the inquiry plan.
7. The final report and recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel will be considered by the OSMC prior to Cabinet to ensure that the review has met the agreed outline terms of reference set by this Committee.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

8. There are no additional financial implications arising from the approval of the recommendations.

Property/Other

9. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

10. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.

Other Legal Implications:

11. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

12. None.

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Air Quality Scrutiny Inquiry – Draft Terms of Reference
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Documents in Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	Dependent upon forward plan item
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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1.	None	
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