

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	SCRUTINY PANEL – AIR QUALITY		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	AIR QUALITY- SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	20 NOVEMBER 2014		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>
None

### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

For the fourth meeting of the Air Quality Inquiry Southampton City Council officers within Environmental Health, Planning, Sustainability and Transport have been invited to provide evidence to the Panel. The focus of the meeting will be to consider how effectively the Council is working collectively to address air quality issues in Southampton.

In addition, Philip Marshall, Principle Transport Planner – Solent Transport will be in attendance and has provided the Panel with written evidence, attached as appendix 3. Written evidence from Licensing has also been submitted, and has been appended to this report (Appendix 5).

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (i) The Panel is recommended to consider the comments made by council officers from Environmental Health, Planning, Sustainability and Transport and use the information provided, including the written submission provided by Licensing as evidence in the review.
- (ii) The Panel is recommended to consider the detail within Dr Beth Conlan's (Ricardo- AEA) presentation (Appendix 6) and the Western Approach AQMA air quality assessment (Appendix 7).

### **REASON FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. To enable the Panel to compile a file of evidence in order to formulate findings and recommendations at the end of the review process.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

2. None.

## **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

3. From 2006-2026 Southampton has a target of building 16,300 new homes, an average of 815 homes per year. This target will shortly be rolled forward to 2036. With this in mind it is clear that Planning has a role in addressing air quality issues in Southampton. Southampton City Council's Planning Policy Group Leader, Graham Tuck has been invited and has provided the Panel with a written submission, attached as appendix 1.
4. Southampton City Council officers from Transport have also been invited. Officers will provide the Panel with an overview of initiatives that are being taken now, or are planned, to improve local air quality.
5. The Council's Waste, Fleet and Sustainability Manager, Colin Rowland will be in attendance. His written submission appended to this report (Appendix 2) outlines the role of the Council's Fleet Services and gives an overview of the actions that are being taken by Fleet Services to address air quality issues in Southampton.
6. Solent Transport is the new name for the Transport for South Hampshire and Isle of Wight (TfSHIoW) Partnership. Solent Transport works closely with a range of key stakeholders, which include the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH), the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership, Department for Transport, Highways Agency and Network Rail to develop transport policies and investment programmes. Solent Transport's Principle Transport Planner, Philip Marshall has been invited and has provided the Panel with an overview of Solent Transport which includes policy background and planned interventions to address air quality issues (Appendix 3).
7. Steve Guppy, Team Leader, Scientific Services within the Regulatory Services Division will also be in attendance. He has been the link officer during the inquiry and provided the background information on Air Quality in Southampton submitted as evidence at the first inquiry meeting. For ease of reference this report has been attached (Appendix 4).
8. Southampton City Council's Licensing Manager, Phil Bates has provided the Panel with written evidence. His submission is attached as Appendix 5.
9. The Panel are also requested to consider the content of the presentation which was due to be delivered by independent Air Quality expert, Dr Beth Conlan (AEA-Ricardo) at the initial inquiry meeting (Appendix 6). Beth was unfortunately unable to attend and has been invited to the fifth meeting where she has been asked to comment on the inquiry's emerging recommendations.
10. In addition, at the first meeting of the Air Quality inquiry Councillor Rayment requested that the Panel provide a steer with regards to whether a Low Emission Zone (LEZ) should be introduced in Southampton for the Western

Approach. This follows the publication of the independent study by Ricardo-AEA (attached as Appendix 7).

11. Findings found that traditional LEZ models used to promote the introduction of low emission technology through penalties and enforcement cameras (as operating in Greater London) could bring compliance dates forward by a few years but would require significant capital investment. Over a ten year period costs would still outweigh benefits by approximately £2M and further economic impacts would be difficult to predict.
12. The guests invited to present information at the meeting will take questions from the Panel relating to the evidence provided. Copies of any presentations will be made available to the Panel.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital/Revenue**

13. N/A

### **Property/Other**

14. N/A.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

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

### **Other Legal Implications:**

16. None

## **POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

17. None

**KEY DECISION?** No

<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	None directly as a result of this report
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## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices**

1.	Submission to Air Quality Scrutiny Panel: Planning Policy
2.	Submission to Air Quality Scrutiny Panel: Fleet Services (Sustainability)
3.	Solent Transport – Air Quality
4.	Air Quality in Southampton – Background information
5.	Submission to Air Quality Panel: Licensing

6.	Air Quality in Southampton – Ricardo AEA
7.	Western Approach AQMA air quality assessment– a baseline study to support the Low Emission Zone feasibility assessment and development of mitigation measures

**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.	No
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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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