

DECISION-MAKER:	SCRUTINY PANEL – AIR QUALITY		
SUBJECT:	WOODLAND TRUST – URBAN AIR QUALITY REPORT		
DATE OF DECISION:	18 DECEMBER 2014		
REPORT OF:	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY
None

BRIEF SUMMARY

Throughout the Air Quality inquiry the Panel have heard evidence that certain types of trees can help absorb harmful pollutants and improve air quality. In April 2012 the Woodland Trust produced a report on urban air quality, attached as Appendix 1, which is to be considered by the Panel as evidence in the review.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (i) The Panel is recommended to consider the content of the Urban Air Quality report and use as evidence in the review.

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. In April 2012, the Woodland Trust produced a report on urban air quality which contains a wealth of information on trees in urban areas. The report highlights the need for the careful planning of green infrastructure as it can ensure that trees and other vegetation are well sited to maximise the opportunities for improving air quality.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

4. N/A

Property/Other

5. N/A.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

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

Other Legal Implications:

7. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

8. None

KEY DECISION? No

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

Appendices

1.	Woodland Trust – Urban Air Quality report
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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.	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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