

# Scrutiny Inquiry Panel - Air Quality

Thursday, 31st July, 2014

at 4.30 pm

PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING

## Committee Room 1 - Civic Centre

This meeting is open to the public

### Members

Councillor Coombs  
Councillor Galton  
Councillor Hammond  
Councillor McEwing  
Councillor O'Neill  
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# PUBLIC INFORMATION

## **Role of this Scrutiny Panel**

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee have instructed Scrutiny Panel to undertake an inquiry into Air Quality in Southampton

## **Southampton City Council's Priorities**

- Jobs for local people
- Prevention and early intervention
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Affordable housing
- Services for all
- City pride
- A sustainable Council

## **Public Representations**

At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may address the meeting about any report on the agenda for the meeting in which they have a relevant interest.

**Smoking policy** – the Council operates a no-smoking policy in all civic buildings.

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## **Dates of Meetings: Municipal Year**

<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
31 July	

## CONDUCT OF MEETING

### TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE INQUIRY

#### **Purpose:**

To develop understanding of the issue of air quality in Southampton and to identify what additional steps can be taken, if necessary, to improve it.

#### **Objectives:**

- a. To increase understanding of air quality issues within Southampton
- b. To examine the causes and impacts of air pollution
- c. To understand the actions being taken to reduce air pollution in Southampton
- d. Learning from best practice, to identify ways of improving air quality in the City now and for future generations

### BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

### RULES OF PROCEDURE

The meeting is governed by the Council Procedure Rules and the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

### QUORUM

The minimum number of appointed Members required to be in attendance to hold the meeting is 3.

## DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" or "Other Interest" they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

### DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter that they or their spouse, partner, a person they are living with as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were a civil partner in relation to:

- (i) Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
- (ii) Sponsorship:

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from Southampton City Council) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expense incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

(iii) Any contract which is made between you / your spouse etc (or a body in which the you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest) and Southampton City Council under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed, and which has not been fully discharged.

(iv) Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of Southampton.

(v) Any license (held alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of Southampton for a month or longer.

(vi) Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) the landlord is Southampton City Council and the tenant is a body in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interests.

(vii) Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of Southampton, and either:

- a) the total nominal value for the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body, or
- b) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest that exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

### **Other Interests**

A Member must regard himself or herself as having an 'Other Interest' in any membership of, or occupation of a position of general control or management in:

Any body to which they have been appointed or nominated by Southampton City Council

Any public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature

Any body directed to charitable purposes

Any body whose principal purpose includes the influence of public opinion or policy

### **Principles of Decision Making**

All decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:-

- proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;
- respect for human rights;
- a presumption in favour of openness, accountability and transparency;
- setting out what options have been considered;
- setting out reasons for the decision; and
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

In exercising discretion, the decision maker must:

- understand the law that regulates the decision making power and gives effect to it. The decision-maker must direct itself properly in law;
- take into account all relevant matters (those matters which the law requires the authority as a matter of legal obligation to take into account);
- leave out of account irrelevant considerations;
- act for a proper purpose, exercising its powers for the public good;
- not reach a decision which no authority acting reasonably could reach, (also known as the "rationality" or "taking leave of your senses" principle);
- comply with the rule that local government finance is to be conducted on an annual basis. Save to the extent authorised by Parliament, 'live now, pay later' and forward funding are unlawful; and
- act with procedural propriety in accordance with the rules of fairness.

## AGENDA

Agendas and papers are now available via the City Council's website

### **1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Subject to the Annual Council Meeting not appointing the Committee's Chair and Vice Chair to elect the Chair and Vice Chair for the Municipal Year 2013/14.

### **2 APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

To note any changes in membership of the Panel made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

### **3 DECLARATION OF PARTY POLITICAL WHIP**

Members are invited to declare the application of any party political whip on any matter on the agenda and being scrutinised at this meeting.

### **4 DECLARATIONS OF SCRUTINY INTEREST**

Members are invited to declare any prior participation in any decision taken by a Committee, Sub-Committee, or Panel of the Council on the agenda and being scrutinised at this meeting.

### **5 STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

### **6 REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive setting out the terms of reference and the project plan for the Inquiry, attached.

### **7 INTRODUCTION TO THE REVIEW**

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive setting out the introduction to the review on Air Quality, attached.

Wednesday, 23 July 2014

HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES