

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	SCRUTINY PANEL		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	INTRODUCTION TO THE REVIEW		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> JULY 2014		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>
None

### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

For the opening meeting of the Air Quality Inquiry the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport has been invited to outline the Executives position on air quality in Southampton. This will be followed by an overview, delivered by independent expert, Dr Beth Conlan from Ricardo-AEA. Southampton City Council's Scientific Service – Team Leader, will also be in attendance.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (i) The Panel is recommended to consider the comments made by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Dr Beth Conlan (Ricardo-AEA) and Southampton City Council's Scientific Services Team Leader and use the information provided 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. Councillor Rayment, Cabinet Member with responsibility for air quality, has been invited to outline the Executive's position on air quality in Southampton.
4. The Cabinet Member will be accompanied by Steve Guppy, Southampton City Council's Scientific Service – Team Leader, within the Regulatory Services Division. He will be the link officer for the inquiry and has prepared the background information on air quality in Southampton attached as

## Appendix 1.

5. Dr Beth Conlan, Business Manager at Ricardo- AEA, a leading provider of analysis, advice, and data on economically sustainable solutions for the most pressing global energy and environmental challenges, has been invited to give an independent expert overview of air quality in Southampton. Beth has over 20 years of experience of air quality management at a local, national and international level. She advised the European Commission on air quality management implementation and the review of the Air Quality Directive. She has worked with Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) in the review of local air quality management. Most recently, Beth has been working with Defra and the Health Protection Agency on communicating air quality issues to health protection professionals within local Health and Wellbeing Boards. In addition, she has been appointed to COMEAP (the Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants) and is co-author of the recently published RAC Foundation: Air quality and road transport: impacts and solutions report.
6. 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**

7. N/A

#### **Property/Other**

8. N/A.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

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

#### **Other Legal Implications:**

10. None

### **POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

11. 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.	Background information
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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)

1.	None	
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