

DECISION-MAKER:	SCRUTINY PANEL – AIR QUALITY		
SUBJECT:	CRUISE AND TRAIN OPERATORS IN SOUTHAMPTON		
DATE OF DECISION:	22 JANUARY 2015		
REPORT OF:	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY
None

BRIEF SUMMARY

For the sixth meeting of the Air Quality Inquiry the Panel will consider written evidence submitted by cruise operators, Carnival UK and Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd and train operators, South West Trains and Freightliner Group.

Southampton City Council's Scientific Service – Team Leader, will also be in attendance.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (i) The Panel is recommended to consider the written evidence provided by Carnival UK, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd, Freightliner Group and South West Trains 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. At the previous inquiry meeting held on 22 December 2014 the Panel agreed that evidence should be sought from cruise operators liner and train companies operating within Southampton. A call for written evidence was sent to the following companies: -

- Carnival UK
- Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd
- Freightliner Group
- South West Trains

4. Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd (RCCL) is a global cruise vacation company that owns Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises, Pullmantur, Azamara Club Cruises and CDF Croisieres de France, as well as TUI Cruises through a 50 percent joint venture. Together, these six brands operate a combined total of 42 ships with an additional seven under construction contracts, and two on firm order. They operate diverse itineraries around the world that call on approximately 490 destinations on all seven continents. RCCLs ships have been calling at Southampton, England since 1997, and have been sailing full seasons based in Southampton since 2005.
5. Tavia Robb, from the Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Communications department at RCCL has provided a written submission appended to the report (Appendix 1). His submission will give the Panel a better understanding of RCCLs presence in Southampton which includes steps that have been taken by RCCL to reduce emissions (including improvements to ships) and those planned to help improve air quality.
6. Freightliner Group provide rail solutions for some of the UK's largest blue chip organisations. Moving cargo from A to B, they recognise themselves as one of the leaders within the rail freight industry; not only in the UK, but also in Europe and Australia. Freightliner facilitate the movement of deep-sea maritime containers handling over 81% of all rail borne containers that enter the country – they operate from five key deep-sea ports in the UK, including Southampton.
7. Freightliner Group's Environment Manager, Hans Clemens has provided the Panel with written evidence (Appendix 2), which includes their train idling policy. For ease of reference Freightliner's Corporate Social Responsibility Policy has also been appended to the report (Appendix 3) which highlights their commitment to promote employee wellbeing and support to charities and communities.
8. South West Trains operate around 1,600 trains a day on a network in the South and South West England. They serve more than 200 stations and employ around 4,500 people. The South West Trains network includes routes through Hampshire, Surrey, Dorset, Wiltshire, Berkshire, Devon, Somerset, and Greater London, serving a mixture of commuters and longer-distance travellers.
9. Written information has been provided by Phil Dominey, Stakeholder Manager at South West Trains which is appended to this report (Appendix 4). His submission will also provide the Panel with a better understanding on

South West Trains operation through Southampton, their view on shutting down engine units during operation and it highlights the longer term rail proposals to electrify routes to Southampton allowing freight trains to use electric trains.

10. It is expected Carnival UK will provide written information in advance of the meeting which will be circulated to the Panel.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

11. N/A

Property/Other

12. N/A.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

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

Other Legal Implications:

14. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

15. None

KEY DECISION? No

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

Appendices

1.	Royal Caribbean submission
2.	Freightliner Group submission
3.	Freightliner Group – Corporate Social Responsibility Policy
4.	South West Trains submission

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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