

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	SCRUTINY PANEL – AIR QUALITY		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	EXPLORING IDEAS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	22 JANUARY 2015		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>
None

### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

At the sixth meeting of the Air Quality Inquiry the Panel will begin to explore ideas for recommendations to be incorporated within the final report.

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

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (i) For the Panel to reflect and draw upon evidence presented throughout the Air Quality inquiry and to begin to develop recommendations to include in the final report.
- (ii) The Panel is recommended to consider the content of Dr Alan Whitehead MP written submission, when circulated, 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. Southampton City Council established a Panel to undertake an inquiry into Air Quality. The Panel held its first meeting on 31 July 2014 and its purpose

has been to seek to identify what additional steps can be taken, if necessary, to improve air quality in Southampton. The inquiry's Terms of Reference (ToR) have been attached as Appendix 1.

4. The Panel has met on five different occasions with a final report scheduled for early 2015. The Panel has received evidence from the following:-
  - Public Health
  - Port of Southampton - Associated British Ports and DP World
  - Sustainable Distribution Centre – Meechers Global Logistics
  - Bus companies – First Bus Hampshire and Go South Coast
  - Post Graduate Student - University of Southampton
  - Western Docks Consultative Forum
  - SCC departments – incl. Regulatory Services, Transport, Planning Policy, Fleet, Licensing and Sustainability
  - Solent Transport
  - Independent Air Quality expert at Ricardo-AEA
  - Residents survey -298 responses
  
5. At the inquiry meeting held on 22 December 2014 the Panel agreed that evidence is to be sought from cruise liner and train operators operating within Southampton. Therefore further evidence has been provided by: -
  - Carnival UK
  - Royal Caribbean International Ltd
  - Freightliner Group
  - South West Trains
  
6. Key issues the Panel may seek to address in the final report include the following: -
  1. Ambition and vision - Ultra-Low City Status?
  2. A Low Emission Strategy
  3. Joined up working across the council
  4. Strengthening the Planning function
  5. Communications on Air Quality
  
7. In addition, Dr Alan Whitehead MP was unable to attend the meeting held on 22 December 2014, it is expected that his written submission, carried over from previous meeting, will be provided before the meeting and circulated to the Panel to be considered as evidence in the review (Appendix 2).
  
8. Dr Alan Whitehead MP – Southampton Test, is a member of the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee, which has recently released their Action for Air Quality report. He is also a member of the Energy and Climate Change Committee, and member of the all-party parliamentary renewable and sustainable energy and sustainable resources groups.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital/Revenue**

9. N/A

**Property/Other**

10. N/A.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

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

**Other Legal Implications:**

12. None

**POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

13. 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.	Air Quality Inquiry – Terms of Reference
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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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