

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET		
SUBJECT:	SCRUTINY PANEL – AIR QUALITY INQUIRY FINAL REPORT		
DATE OF DECISION:	21 APRIL 2015		
REPORT OF:	CHAIR OF SCRUTINY PANEL		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

BRIEF SUMMARY

From July 2014 to March 2015 the Scrutiny Panel undertook an inquiry to develop understanding of the issues of air quality Southampton. The Scrutiny Inquiry report contains a number of recommendations which have been highlighted in Appendix 2. Subject to the final report, attached as Appendix 1, being agreed at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) on 16th April 2015, the Cabinet needs to formally respond to these recommendations within two months to meet the requirements in the Council's constitution.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (i) Subject to the report attached as Appendix 1 being agreed at the meeting of the OSMC on 16th April 2015, Cabinet is recommended to receive the attached Scrutiny Panel report to enable the Executive to formulate its response to the recommendations contained within it, in order to comply with the requirements set out in the Council's Constitution.

REASON FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The overview and scrutiny procedure rules in part 4 of the Council's Constitution requires the Executive to consider all inquiry reports that have been endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, and to submit a formal response to the recommendations contained within them within two months of their receipt.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. On 10th July 2014 the OSMC agreed the indicative terms of reference for an inquiry to develop understanding of the issues of air quality in Southampton and to identify what additional steps could be taken, if necessary, to improve it. The set objectives of the Inquiry were:
 - To increase understanding of air quality issues within Southampton
 - To examine the causes and impacts of air pollution
 - To understand the actions being taken to reduce air pollution in

Southampton

- Learning from best practise, to identify ways of improving air quality in the city now and for future generations.
4. The Inquiry was undertaken by the Scrutiny Panel with information presented at 7 meetings from July 2014 to March 2015.
 5. The final report contains 20 recommendations in total, summarised in Appendix 2, which if implemented the Panel believe will help improve air quality in Southampton now and for future generations.
 6. The recommendations are grouped under the following key themes:
 - Building on success – Ambition and vision
 - Leading by example
 - Traffic
 - Partnership Working
 - Communications
 7. A final report of the Inquiry is attached as Appendix 1. The report will not be considered by the OSMC until 16th April 2015, after the deadline for publication of Cabinet papers, therefore any amendments made by the OSMC will be reported to the Executive verbally at the Cabinet meeting.
 8. The Executive needs to consider the inquiry recommendations and to formally respond within two months of the date of receiving this report in order to meet the requirements set out in the Council's constitution.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

9. In practice any future resource implications arising from this review will be dependent upon whether, and how, each of the individual recommendations within the Inquiry report are progressed by the Executive. More detailed work will need to be undertaken by the Executive in considering its response to each of the recommendations set out in the Inquiry report.

Property/Other

10. None.

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. The proposals contained within the appended report are in accordance with the Council's Policy Framework.

KEY DECISION? No

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

Appendices

1.	Final Report – Air Quality Inquiry
2.	Summary of Recommendations

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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