

**City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Air Quality - Scrutiny Review

DRAFT - Terms of Reference

See Part 3E paragraphs 2.1 to 2.11 of the Constitution of the Council.

Background

The Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee has considered reports in relation to Air Quality throughout the 2017-18 Municipal Year. Throughout their discussions, members agreed to undertake a detailed Scrutiny Review in Air Quality across the District.

The impact of transport on Air Quality is a significant public health concern. The District has four declared Air Quality Management Areas and a large number of other locations are thought to be at, or close, to exceedance levels. Particulate air pollution has been assessed by Public Health England as being responsible for 5.3% of all deaths in the Bradford district, or approximately 222 deaths in the 25+ age range every year.

It has been confirmed that Brexit will not result in a 'watering down' of air quality legislation and that all EU legislation relating to air quality will be transposed into UK law. In December 2015 Government announced that Leeds would be one of five cities which would have a mandated Clean Air Zone (CAZ) imposed in order to improve air quality to meet legal limits by 2020.

The health impact of air quality on the Bradford population and the potential of fines being imposed by the EU are a serious concern for the Council and the importance of encouraging more sustainable modes of travel and addressing congestion issues that impact on air quality cannot be overstated. A Low Emission Strategy (LES) for Bradford has already been developed and was adopted in November 2013.

In a recent High Court ruling, the judge said that more action was required to tackle air quality in 45 English and Wales authorities, (Bradford is one of those areas).

Key Lines of Enquiry

The key lines of enquiry for this scrutiny review are to:

- Explore the Impact of the High Court judgement;
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the current measures being taken to improve air quality within the Bradford District;
- Examine the Impact of air quality on Communities and schools;
- Understanding community awareness of air quality impacts;
- Consider the work being undertaken to improve air quality in other areas.

Methodology

The committee will receive and consider a variety of evidence/information provided by a range of interested parties. The Committee may adopt one or more of the following methods to collect evidence/information:

- relevant documents;
- relevant data;
- written submissions from, or meetings with interested parties;
- undertake relevant visits.

Indicative list of interested parties

An indicative list of interested parties is provided below. This is not definitive or exclusive and can be developed as the scrutiny progresses.

Organisation / Department	Contact
Bradford Council Executive Portfolio Holder.	Cllr Sarah Ferriby.
Bradford Council.	Councillors from Children's and Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny. Public Health Officers. Ruth Lees – Environmental Health.
Local/Regional/National Organisations.	Environment Agency – . First Bus Operator -
Local Authorities.	Leeds.

Indicative Timetable

Date	Milestone
Tuesday 27 March 2018.	DRAFT Terms of Reference to be presented to the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee – for discussion and approval.
TBC.	Information gathering session – focusing on the three key lines of enquiry for the Scrutiny Review.
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TBC.	Final review findings and recommendations.