

# **Residents' & Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee - Major Review 2017- 18- Revision of the Air Quality Action Plan for the London Borough of Hillingdon**

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## **REASON FOR ITEM**

The Committee is asked to receive witness evidence and written evidence as part of the Committee's major review into the revision of the Air Quality Action Plan for the London Borough of Hillingdon

## **OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

**The Committee is asked to consider the evidence given by the witnesses and to ask questions of the witnesses. In addition, Members are requested to receive the information which has been provided by officers to help with the review.**

## **INFORMATION**

1. At the last meeting of the Committee held on 20 September 2017, Members received the draft scoping report, together with a presentation from the Deputy Director, Planning, Transportation & Regeneration and the Council's Environmental Specialist from the Planning Specialist Team. For Members' reference, the draft scoping report is attached as **appendix 1** to this report, and the details of the discussion which took place at the meeting on 20 September are detailed in the minutes, earlier on the agenda.

## **WITNESSES**

2. For this meeting, Members will receive evidence from the following invited witnesses:

**Val Beale - LBH Environmental Specialist**

**James Rodger - LBH Head of Planning and Enforcement**

**Dr Mike Holland - Member of the Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollution (COMEAP).**

3. For Members information, Dr Holland has been working in the air quality field since the 1980s working on issues such as the economic assessment of pollution control and has developed methodologies for the quantification of health and other effects of pollution at the European level. He is a member of the Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollution (COMEAP).
4. In terms of Hillingdon, Dr Holland has worked with the Council from the inception of its first Air Quality Action Plan and has worked with officers to ensure the annual reporting

is accurate and reflects the work and progress made, as well as flagging the challenges the Council has faced. Dr Holland is commissioned to work with officers and Members to review the current action plan and progress this to the publishing of the new Air Quality Action Plan for consultation through to final adoption by the Cabinet and its submission to the Mayor of London.

5. The Committee can be taken through the original Air Quality Action Plan and be informed what has been achieved, what the challenges have been, and suggest the best way forward with the new Action Plan, incorporating any recommendations which may arise out of the review. Below is the link to the original Air Quality Action Plan

[http://www.hillingdon-air.info/pdf/Hillingdon\\_AQAP.pdf](http://www.hillingdon-air.info/pdf/Hillingdon_AQAP.pdf)

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

6. For Members information there are a number of documents which have been pulled together to provide background reading and also to provide details on some of the areas discussed at the last meeting of the Committee. There is information on best practice, information on schools and case studies which Members expressed an interest in:

**The NICE report** - this gives recommendations that local authorities can consider to improve air quality and health;

**Improving Air Quality in the City of London** - A practical Guide for City Businesses

**What is a Low Emission Neighbourhood?** - A paper on a low emission neighbourhood approach.

**Schools** - There are attached case studies of a pilot project - **Clean Air for Schools**, Hillingdon were one of the three partners in the pilot;

**Mayor of London's Healthy Streets initiative** - this includes an area wide approach, improving air quality is on the key indicator of a healthy street;

**Selborne Road Air Quality Improvement Scheme** - this outlines an approach from Waltham Forest, incorporating air quality improvements into a larger proposal

7. For the meeting, Members will be provided with detailed pollution maps of Hayes, Uxbridge and Ruislip town centres and a note on the challenges in each case and potential solutions.
8. In addition, there will be a briefing note circulated before the meeting which provides details, as requested at the Committee's last meeting, on the current Conway plant authorisation & conditions.