



**Resources and Public Realm
Scrutiny Committee**
3 July 2019

**Report from
the Assistant Chief Executive**

Establishment of Scrutiny Task Group on Air Quality

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non Key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
No. of Appendices:	None
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Committee to establish a Scrutiny Task Group, in accordance with Part 4 paragraph 5 of the Council Constitution.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That an Air Quality Scrutiny Task Group be established with the following terms of reference:

- (1) Set out the latest evidence on current issues with air quality in the borough, both across Brent as a whole and between different local communities and neighbourhoods.
- (2) Review and scrutinise the steps which Brent Council, its statutory partners, and stakeholders operating across the borough who have an impact on air quality are taking to address these issues.
- (3) Engage widely with a diverse and representative range of local stakeholders throughout Brent on issues with air quality and the steps they would like to see taken on this issue.

(4) Review and scrutinise relevant local, national and international examples of good practice in addressing air quality; and explore their applicability to Brent.

(5) Should it so wish, make recommendations as to what Brent Council, its statutory partners and stakeholders across the borough who are impacting on local air quality should do to address these issues.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee is considering proposals to establish a Scrutiny Task Group to consider the issue of air quality in Brent and what the Council and its statutory partners and stakeholders across the borough who have an impact on air quality could do further to improve air quality in the Borough.

3.2 It is anticipated that the Task Group will convene over the summer to receive oral and written evidence and report back to the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee at the end of the year with a report and recommendations to the Council and Cabinet.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications for the purposes of this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications for the purposes of this report.

6.0 Equality Implications

6.1 There are no equality implications for the purposes of this report.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

7.1 Councillors Matt Kelcher and Thomas Stephens have indicated that they will propose the establishment of the Scrutiny Task Group on air quality and have been consulted on the terms of reference for the Task Group.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

8.1 There are no Human Resources/property implications for the purposes of this report.

Report sign off:

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