

**Manchester City Council
Report for Resolution**

Report to: Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee – 21 June 2017

Subject: Air Quality Task and Finish Group – Terms of Reference and Work Programme

Report of: Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

Summary

This report provides the Committee with the terms of reference and the current work programme for the Task and Finish Group.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to re-establish the Air Quality Task and Finish Group for the municipal year 2017-18. The Committee is invited to:

1. Agree the membership of the Task and Finish Group.
 2. Agree the terms of reference for the Task and Finish Group.
 3. Agree the work programme of the Task and Finish Group, which will be reviewed by the Group at each of its meetings.
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Wards Affected: All

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference
Appendix 2 – Work Programme

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting of 19 July 2016, following consideration of the Manchester City Council Climate Change Action Plan and Emissions report the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group to undertake a detailed investigation into the issue of air quality (see minutes NESC/16/13).
- 1.2 On 11 October 2017 the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee established the Air Quality Task and Finish Group.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to agree or amend the terms of reference as set out in the report at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The Committee is asked to agree or amend the work programme as set out in the report at Appendix 2. Please note that there is to be an additional meeting of the Task and Finish Group, the date and time is to be confirmed.
- 2.3 The Committee is also asked to agree the membership of the Task and Finish Group.

Title	Air Quality Task and Finish Group
Membership	Chair: Councillor Chris Paul Councillors Kirkpatrick, Strong, Noor, Peel, Sheikh, Leech, Noor, Fletcher-Hackwood, Sharif Mahamed, Watson, Davies
Lead Executive Members	Councillor Rosa Battle – Executive Member for Environment
Strategic Directors	Sara Todd - Deputy Chief Executive, Growth & Neighbourhoods Geoff Little – Deputy Chief Executive, People, Policy and Reform
Lead Officers	Richard Elliott - Head of Policy, Partnerships and Research
Contact officer	Jacob Morris-Davies – Scrutiny Support Officer
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To understand the context and impact of poor air quality in Manchester. 2. To understand the health implications of poor air quality and the initiatives to improve this. 3. To learn from good practice adopted by other UK and European Cities to initiate local improvements in air quality. 4. To examine the impact of transport on air quality and measures to address this. 5. To understand any potential implications for existing UK environmental legislation and standards arising from the EU referendum decision to leave the European Union. 6. To seek to influence local Planning Policy to ensure that future developments key to the city’s sustainable growth are contributing to improved air quality in the city.
Key Lines of Enquiry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To consider evidence of good practice and local initiatives from other UK and European cities to improve air quality. 2. The group will consider the issue of transport and its impact on air quality, including the implications of emissions testing regimes. The panel will consider initiatives to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduce the number of older vehicles on the road; - Reduce the need to travel and the number of journeys undertaken by car; - Alternative fuel, including electric vehicles; - Lowering emissions from all commercial vehicles; - National Clean Air days - Cycling initiatives and alternative modes of transport. 3. To consider how local planning policy is being used to ensure that developments which are key to the sustainable growth of Manchester are contributing to improved air quality.

	<p>4. To consider how Public Health can influence change to promote the issue of air quality at both a local and national level.</p> <p>5. To discuss how the objectives of reducing carbon emissions and improving air quality whilst growing the population and economy of the city can be achieved.</p> <p>6. The Panel will hear from a number of stakeholders and invited witnesses throughout the course of this enquiry.</p>
Operation	This subgroup will report its findings to the Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee by submitting a final report and minutes to the Committee. The Committee will be asked to endorse any recommendations from the Subgroup.
Access to Information	<p>Meetings of the Subgroup will be open to members of the media and public except where information that is confidential or exempt from publication is being considered.</p> <p>Papers for the Subgroup will be made available to members of the media and public on the Council's website and the main entrance to the Town Hall except where information which is confidential or exempt from publication is being considered.</p>
Schedule of Meetings	To hold three substantive meetings with one additional meeting to agree the final report.
Commissioned	July 2016

**Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee – Air Quality Task and Finish Group
Work Programme**

Meeting 1 – Feb 17 – 16:00-17:30 – Scrutiny Room 2002				
Report Deadline:				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Air Quality - Understanding the local context	<p>To receive a summary report that describes the current standard of Air Quality (AQ) in Manchester and in Greater Manchester (GM).</p> <p>The report will describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality in Manchester/GM compared to national standards, and in comparison to other UK / selected European cities • The causes of poor air quality in Manchester. The actions being taken and proposed to improve air quality. The challenges to improving air quality. • Any potential implications for existing UK environmental legislation and standards arising from the European Union (EU) referendum vote. • Current data relating to the impact of poor air quality on mortality and other health outcomes across the life course in Manchester and GM. 	Councillor Rosa Battle	<p>Richard Elliott</p> <p>Helen Smith (GM)</p>	
Terms of Reference and Work Programme	To review and agree the Subgroup's terms of reference and work programme, and consider any changes or additions that are necessary.		Jacob Morris-Davies	

Meeting 2 – Feb 22 – 15:00-18:00 – Scrutiny Room 2002				
Report Deadline:				
Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Update on the Legal Context and Key Campaigns for Clean Air in UK Cities – Discussion Item	To receive an update from Andrea Lee – Campaigner for Client Earth, followed by discussion.	Councillor Rosa Battle		
Health solutions for poor Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss how Public Health related activity can influence change to promote the issue of air quality. To discuss health solutions to poor air quality. To explore Public Health practice in relation to poor air quality. To consider particular effects on Children and Young People, Older People and the vulnerable The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Air Quality study. To consider potential place of AQ in the GM Population Health Plan particularly considering environmental justice and inequity and the opportunity of prevention by investing in AQ and the wider determinants of health. 	Councillor Paul Andrews	David Regan	Invitation to the Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee
Public Health Informatics, and Population Health	<p>To receive contributions from experts followed by a discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Iain Buchan - Clinical professor in Public Health Informatics at The University of Manchester 	Councillor Paul Andrews		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Arpana Verma – Professor of Population Health, Health Service Research and Primary Care at the University of Manchester 			
Measurement Questions	<p>To receive contributions from experts followed by a discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Sheena Cruickshank – Senior Lecturer of Immunology, University of Manchester Professor Gordon Mcfiggans Professor of Atmospheric Multiphase Process and Dr David Topping – Senior Research Fellow , both University of Manchester 	Councillor Rosa Battle		
Roundtable Discussion	To invite guests, Members of the subgroup and officers to discuss issues, ideas and recommendations.			
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Meeting 3 – Feb 24 – 15:00-18:00 – Scrutiny Room 2002

Report Deadline:

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Transport and its Impacts on Poor Air Quality	<p>Report of Director for Policy Partnership and Research considering the issue of transport and its impact on air quality, including the implications of emissions testing regimes, and initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the number of older vehicles on the road 	Councillor Rosa Battle	Richard Elliott Helen Smith	Invitations to the Chair of Economy Scrutiny Committee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the need to travel and the number of journeys undertaken by car Alternative fuel, including electric vehicles Lowering emissions from commercial vehicles The relation of AQ to congestion and traffic speed National Clean Air days Diesel Bans, Clean Air Zones, Neighbourhood Zones Cycling initiatives and alternative modes of transport. 			
Workplace Parking Levy – Experience in Nottingham	<p>To receive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A presentation from Chris Carter, Nottingham City Council on the Nottingham City Council Workplace Parking Levy 	Councillor Rosa Battle	Richard Elliott Helen Smith, TFGM	
Taming Traffic, Transit, Freight and Logistics related emissions to improve Health – Presentation and Discussion Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expert evidence from Dr Ian Mudway (KCL) including information and views on health benefits of Low Emission Zones, Clean Air Zones, Road Charging, Tolls, differential Parking Costs; diesel scrappage and other measures Further comments if appropriate from Director of Policy, Partnership And Research and from Transport for Greater Manchester followed by discussion 			
Spatial Planning for Clean Air: the Built and Natural Environment - Discussion Item	<p>To receive expert contributions followed by discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anne Morgan (invited) – GM Spatial Framework Stephen O’Malley – Civic Engineers Steve Connor – Creative Concern Dave Bishop - Local Ecology Campaigner Stuart MacDonald – Centre for Local Economic 			

	<p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Hodder – Architect (invited particularly as Chair of process devising new Manchester Residential Standards) 			
Healthy Streets, Great Places - Getting Manchester Walking and Cycling - Discussion Item	<p>To receive expert contributions followed by discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Key & Peter Haymes – British Cycling • Nick Brelsford – Sustrans North West • Jo Somerset - Bike Right <p>Invited to join discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Fingland GMCC • Pete Abel GM Love Your Bike • Jennifer Wiles – Living Streets 			
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Meeting 4 – March 2017 - Date / Time and Venue to be confirmed

Report Deadline:

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Additional Items arising from previous sessions	To receive any additional evidence. In particular any further expert evidence regarding reducing exposure on journeys to school and on planning new city centre schools may be included.		John Edwards	
Feedback from members on their findings	The purpose of this item is for members to feed back on the findings of this review and make recommendations that will inform the final report of the Task and Finish Group.		Jacob Morris-Davies	Health related recommendations to be taken to Health Practice Expert Advisory Group To Identify the

				<p>different action levels, types and targets for all recommendations</p> <p>Guests may be invited to assist the group in choosing and ordering final recommendations</p>
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