

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The objective of the Scrutiny Review was:

- To provide Scrutiny input into the Action Plan for the Council's Emissions Strategy

Key lines of Inquiry:

- To increase Councillor and public understanding of air quality issues in Northampton
- To understand the causes and impact of air pollution
- To understand the actions being taken to reduce air pollution in Northampton
- To understand the actions being taken by partners to reduce air pollution in Northampton
- To provide recommendations for the production of the Action Plan for the Council's Emissions Strategy, which will identify ways of improving air quality in Northampton
- Examine all current air quality management areas to ensure they are performing.
- To see if they can be improved and consider all other factors and future factors in moving forward

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a briefing note regarding the Emissions Strategy, including hotspots, at its meeting held on 15 August 2016. Following consideration of this information it was agreed that a Scrutiny Review would commence to investigate the Air Quality Action Plan and how Scrutiny could provide input into this. An in-depth review commenced in October 2016 and concluded in April 2017.

1:20 deaths in Northampton attributed to particle matter. A Lancet report detailed that should someone reside 100 metres near to a major road they have a 10 per cent increased chance of a stroke. Northamptonshire County Council is responsible for traffic, Northampton Borough Council responsible for air quality. 65-70% of new vehicles are diesel; they have the same emissions as a 12 year old petrol car

This review links to the Council's corporate priorities, particularly corporate priority Protecting Our Environment - A clean and attractive town for residents and visitors.

CONCLUSIONS AND KEY FINDINGS

A significant amount of evidence was heard, details of which are contained in the report. After gathering evidence the Scrutiny Panel established that: -

To be added

RECOMMENDATIONS

The above overall findings have formed the basis for the following recommendations: -

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Scrutiny Panel 4 recommends to Cabinet:

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