

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10 January 2012

Report of the Director of Health and Housing

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet

1 REVIEW OF THE LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT REGIME

Background

The Annex to this report summarises the key issues and recommendations associated with the recent review of local air quality management and endorses recommendations arising from the above review.

1.1 The Review

1.1.1 Scrutiny Committee has completed its review of the Local Air Quality Management regime following meetings held in October and November, 2011. Kent County Council Transport Planners, Maidstone Borough Council and Sevenoaks District Council have contributed to the review as well as officers from the Council's Environmental Protection Team.

1.1.2 Attached as **[Annex 1]** to this committee report is a report of findings and recommendations arising from the review. Subject to the endorsement of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the recommendations are to be commended to Cabinet for its further consideration.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 None.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 None.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

1.5.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

1.6 Recommendations

1.6.1 That the recommendations arising from the review of the Local Air Quality Management regime **BE COMMENDED** to the Cabinet for further consideration.

Background papers:

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Nil

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Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The review does not have the potential to impact or discriminate against specific groups in the community.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	Yes	The Review undertaken is looking at the requirements of a statutory regime.
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.