

**SCRUTINY**  
**Consideration of an Item at Scrutiny Committee**

Please complete this form to provide information about your proposal for consideration by the Scrutiny Programme Board or request for a review to be undertaken on a topic or issue of concern. You may attach any other supporting information you feel might help the Board in considering your proposal. The Strategic Management Board will be advised of any proposal, to help advise on the timetable and any resource implications.

Please complete the following form which will be presented to the Scrutiny Programme Board (SPB)

<b>Issue to be Considered</b>	<i>Outcomes of the Air Quality Action Plan</i>
<b>Proposer (s)</b>	<i>Catherine Rees</i>
<b>Scrutiny Committee (to be determined by the SPB)</b>	<i>Strategic Scrutiny</i>
<b>Lead Portfolio Holder</b>	<i>Bob Foale</i>
<b>Identification of Lead Officer</b>	<i>To be completed by SMB</i>

**Areas for consideration:**

1. What is the specific topic area you want considered/reviewed?

The Air Quality Action Plan outcomes

2. What are the main issues you feel need to be addressed?

A thorough evaluation of the outcomes of the current Air Quality Action Plan, scrutinising which actions produced the most positive outcomes, and which did not, in order to fully inform the shaping of the new action plan, in October 2024.

3. Please identify which of the Council's key priorities your topic relates to? (If any)

Two of the aspirations of the Exeter Vision 2040 are that Exeter is a 'Healthy and Inclusive' place, and 'The most active city in the UK'. It states that, 'land currently dominated by driving and parking, will be freed up for social, economic, and environmental uses. Air will be clean and healthy.'

One of the five key strategic priorities is that Exeter is 'A Healthy and Active City'. This section recognises areas of deprivation in our city, with some of the poorest health outcomes. In recent years, the detrimental impact of poor air quality on public health has been recognised more fully, with evidence-based outcomes widely reported.

4. What outcome, including timeframe are you aiming to achieve with this consideration/review?

A new Air Quality Action Plan written by October 2024, fully informed by the outcomes of the current plan, with the overall aim of improving air quality for the residents of Exeter.

5. Do you consider this review urgent and if so why?

We have four months to ensure a thorough evaluation of the current plan, to ensure the future plan is based on robust evidence.

6. Financial considerations

Scrutiny processes could support and enhance the evaluation process that will be required to write the new plan. Scrutiny training highlighted the need for scrutiny processes to positively impact on Council processes, and ultimately improve outcomes for the residents of Exeter.

7. Expert witnesses to invite

Members of DCC to maximise opportunities for joint working with ECC.

8. Which format of Scrutiny are you proposing? C – A task a finish group

A - Officers written report to be submitted to the Committee.

B- A Spotlight Review - where a group of members hold a meeting and gather evidence and make a submission to a Scrutiny Committee .

C - A Task and Finish Group - where a group of members hold a series of meetings gathering evidence and make a submission to a Scrutiny Committee.

Date of Request

20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Please note that the Programme Board will consider the following matters (if relevant) when determining the request. *Please tick any that are appropriate.*-

<b>Potential Criteria for Selecting Topic (NB This is not an exhaustive list)</b>	<b>Please tick</b>
The issue has potential impact on one or more sections of the local population	✓
The issue is strategic and/or significant	✓
Scrutiny of this matter will add value to the Council's and/or its partners' overall performance	✓
The review will lead to effective outcomes	✓
This will improve service outputs	✓
The issue is of concern to partners and stakeholders	✓
The issue is a key issue for the public (as identified through contact with constituents or meetings of local organisations)	✓
This will be of benefit to the community	✓
Poor performing service (evidenced from performance indicators)	
Service/issue ranked as important by the Council's community (via market surveys/annual residents' survey/consultation with tenants, local business community)	✓
High level of user/general public dissatisfaction with service (via market surveys/complaints)	✓
Public interest issue (e.g. covered by local media)	✓
High level of budgetary commitment to the service or policy area	
Pattern of budgetary overspends	
Council key priority area	✓
Central Government priority area	✓
Issue poses significant or potential risk to the Council (can be financial, reputational or other risk)	
Issue raised by external auditor	
Issue raised by Council or one of its Committees	✓
Issue arises from new legislation or Government guidance	
Key reports or new evidence (provided by external organisations on key issue)	✓

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The following will be used if the Proposal/Topic is rejected	Please tick
The timing of this review is inappropriate	
The review will duplicate other work within the Council or elsewhere	
The issue is already under examination by Council	
The issue is already under examination by an Officer Group and changes are imminent	
Issue being examined as part of a service review	
New legislation/guidance expected within a year	
There is an alternative, more effective, route the Member can take to address the issue	
The issue is outside the scope of the Scrutiny Committee	
The issue would not bring about any sustainable and on-going revenue savings	
The issue does not meet any of the Council's corporate priorities	

Comments from SMB	
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Overall recommendation of Scrutiny Programme Board Please tick relevant box)	Review Supported	Review not supported
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Confirm approval of review by Committee	Yes/No ( <i>Delete as appropriate</i> )  Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee or Strategic Scrutiny Committee
Date	