

Scrutiny review proposal

1 What is the review?

Air quality – part two

2 What outcomes could realistically be achieved? Which agency does the review seek to influence?

A Effective implementation of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTN), by the council and partners, to ensure that they deliver better air quality for all Southwark citizens, particularly those residents most at risk from the adverse impacts of poor air quality (children, BAME people, older people, disabled people, people living in deprivation etc.).

B Tracking additional council and TFL measures to reduce and mitigate transport emissions in Southwark.

C Making recommendations to the council and relevant partners in order to reduce other sources of air pollution, not covered in depth by the previous scrutiny review on Air Quality in 2019/20

3 When should the review be carried out/completed? *i.e.* does the review need to take place before/after a certain time?

Completed by Spring 2021

4 What format would suit this review? (e.g. full investigation, q&a with executive member/partners, public meeting, one-off session)

Investigation over the course of the administrative year.

5 What are some of the key issues that you would like the review to look at?

A Implementation of LTNs, including investigating how emissions on side roads and main roads are measured, as well as other areas with more vulnerable populations including schools, health and care settings.

B Ensuring that LTNs are safe and that emergency services have been

engaged to allow adequate access.

C Following up the recommendations to reduce transport emissions made by the Environment Scrutiny Commission, in the previous administrative year, in their Air Quality review.

D Examining other causes of poor Air Quality, specifically air pollution caused by:

- domestic and commercial heating systems,
- industrial and construction process,
- and smaller sources emitted by agriculture, forestry and fires.

See more here: <https://www.breathelondon.org/pollution-sources/>

6 Who would you like to receive evidence and advice from during the review?

- Cllr Catherine Rose, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Environment & Roads
- Cllr Radha Burgess, Deputy Cabinet Member for Low Traffic Southwark
- Council officers from Highways and Planning Policy delivering LTNs and other work to reduce transport emissions
- Guy's and St Thomas Trust Charity (GSTTC) – who are part funding Southwark's LTNs
- The Fire Service on emergency access to LTNs
- Air Quality and Environment officer leads
- Officers from planning and building services who have responsibility for reducing heating and construction emissions

7 Any suggestions for background information? Are you aware of any best practice on this topic?

Expertise on reducing sources of non transport based air pollution (to be identified)

8 What approaches could be useful for gathering evidence? What can be done outside committee meetings?

e.g. verbal or written submissions, site visits, mystery-shopping, service observation, meeting with stakeholders, survey, consultation event

Officers, GSTTC, and the fire service will be providing evidence.

