



Committee Name: Scrutiny

Committee Date: 09/09/2021

Report Title: Air pollution from woodburning – additional evidence gathering and recommendations

Portfolio:	Sustainable city environment portfolio
Report from:	Executive director of development and city services
Wards:	All Wards
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Purpose

To hear additional evidence from the Stove Industry Alliance and a member of the public on the topic of air pollution from woodburning stoves and to formulate recommendations.

Recommendation:

For scrutiny committee to discuss the issues raised and make recommendations.

Policy Framework

The Council has three corporate priorities, which are:

- People living well
- Great neighbourhoods, housing and environment
- Inclusive economy

This report meets all the corporate priorities.

Report Details

1. At its meeting on 15 July 2021, the scrutiny committee considered the topic of air pollution from woodburning and heard evidence from Emeritus Professor Claire Reeves of the University of East Anglia.
2. The committee decided to continue the discussion on the topic at the meeting of the committee on 9 September 2021 and make recommendations.
3. James Verlaque, technical manager at the Stove industry Alliance will be attending the meeting and the member of the public who put forward the topic has also been invited to attend.
4. A summary of the discussions from the last meeting are included in the minutes which are part of the agenda pack for this meeting. Members may wish to refer to these as a reminder of the points previously discussed.

Consultation

5. Ward councillors, portfolio holders, the public or other stakeholders have not been consulted on this paper. However, in the light of the new regulations it is intended to work with NCC trading standards to produce an article for a future issues of citizen magazine, which can also be used on the website and social media to outline the health issues associated with woodburning, the new legislation on wood and coal burning and how the general public can protect themselves and others.

Implications

Financial and Resources

Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the council's stated priorities, as set out in its Corporate Plan 2019-22 and Budget.

6. There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources.

Legal

7. There are no legal implications at this stage.

Statutory Considerations

Consideration:	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and Diversity	n/a

Health, Social and Economic Impact	n/a
Crime and Disorder	n/a
Children and Adults Safeguarding	n/a
Environmental Impact	<p>To record and advise of any beneficial or detrimental impacts on the use of resources and potential sources of pollution.</p> <p>Activities which contribute/mitigate against climate change.</p>

Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
Include operational, financial, compliance, security, legal, political or reputational risks to the council	Not applicable	

Other Options Considered

8. No alternatives options have been considered.

Reasons for the decision/recommendation

9. Recommendations from this meeting of scrutiny will be presented to cabinet at the earliest opportunity.

Background papers: none.

Appendices: none.

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