

Title of study		Air Quality in North Tyneside
Name of sub committee/study group		Environment Sub-committee
Membership		All Members of the Environment Sub-Committee
1	Focus of study	
	There is a perception that air quality in North Tyneside is poor and adversely affecting the health of residents.	
2	Objectives	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To examine to what degree there is a problem with air pollution in North Tyneside and if so to explore what steps can be taken to improve air quality for residents. • To explore the regulatory systems in place to ensure the highest air quality for residents of North Tyneside. • To examine the public perception of air quality in North Tyneside 	
3	Key questions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a link between air pollution in the area of East Howdon and Willington Quay and ill health among the residents and how does this compare with other areas of North Tyneside? It is suggested that residents in the East Howdon Area suffer disproportionately from Cancers, Asthma and Chest Infections. • What is monitored in relation to air quality in East Howdon, Royal Quays and Willington Quay, when does this monitoring take place and is wind direction taken into account? It is suggested that air pollution is worse in the summer months. • How are emissions from the various industrial processes and waste treatment sites around the area monitored? • How are the fumes from the traffic at the Tyne Tunnel monitored to ensure that they do not have an adverse impact on residents of East Howdon and Willington Quay and wider 	

	<p>afield.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the cumulative effects of the emissions from the various industrial and commercial processes on residents and air quality in the area been assessed?
4	Obtaining evidence
	<p>Desktop research Interviewing the regulators i.e. Environment Agency and EHO's Interview Public Health Academia Analysis of published data Invite the views of the public and interest groups</p> <p>Meeting 1</p> <p>Presentation by Environment Agency on its regulatory role in relation to maintaining good air quality in North Tyneside</p> <p>Meeting 2</p> <p>Presentation by Atmospheric Pollution expert from one of the Universities on the current situation in North Tyneside and whether there is an issue which needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Presentation from Director of Public Health re air pollution and residents health</p> <p>Meeting 3</p> <p>Interviews with members of the public Interviews/presentation from Greenpeace/other organisations</p> <p>Meeting 4</p> <p>Assessment of the evidence presented Drafting 1st version of report</p> <p>Meeting 5</p> <p>Agree final version of the report.</p>
5	Support required by the group/sub committee
	Democratic Support

6	Consultees for draft report
	All participants
7	Date draft report required
8	Date final report required
9	Evaluation
	<p>Any recommendations reported to Cabinet will require a response within 2 months, under the requirements of Section 122 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Cabinet will be asked to clearly state whether or not it accepts the recommendations and the reasons for this decision. Cabinet must indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.</p> <p>If recommendations are accepted by Cabinet, the proposed action to implement the recommendations can be monitored by the sub-committee.</p>