



# SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Wednesday, 11th November, 2020 at 6.30 pm

**This was a remote meeting held under the Coronavirus Act 2020**

## PRESENT

## MEMBERS

Councillors A Tatchell (Chair), M Johnstone (Vice-Chair), P Campbell, T Commis, D Ferrier, A Fewings, B Foster, G Lishman, M Lishman, S Lone, T Martin, L Mehanna and A Royle

## OFFICERS

Kate Ingram	– Strategic Head of Economy and Growth
Joanne Swift	– Head of Streetscene
Pete Milward	– Principal Planner
Imelda Grady	– Democracy Officer
Paul Barlow	– Graphic Designer

## IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors Mark Townsend, John Harbour, Afrasaib Anwar and Asif Raja.

### 40. Minutes

Due to the short time-scale between meetings, the minutes of the previous meeting would be considered at the next meeting.

### 41. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

### 42. Air Quality Management: Protecting Health and Addressing Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Consideration was given to the Air Quality Management Supplementary Planning Document which has been prepared to support the implementation of Burnley's Local Plan.

The Principal Planning Officer outlined the key elements of the document and responded to questions and observations from members on various issues including emissions reduction

measures, species of trees, flow of traffic at traffic lights, electric charging points and infrastructure to support them, taxis and any future increased demand for electric charging points, footpath/cycleways project and public transport.

Members also questioned how effective the measures would be in practice and which elements would carry the most weight when considering planning applications. The Principal Planning Officer said that the document was supplementary to the local plan and would be taken into account by officers in development management when making recommendations to the development control committee.

A further concern was raised about the increased use of wood burning stoves in various wards in the town and whether existing air quality legislation was being enforced. The Principal Planning Officer said that he would take this issue back to environmental health colleagues for a response. In response to a question about walking/cycling projects he agreed to arrange for an update to be provided directly to the member concerned.

The Strategic Head of Economy and Growth thanked members for their comments and added that the local plan was the main material factor when determining planning applications and this spd would add detail to NE5 in asking for an air quality assessment. It set out clearly what Burnley's expectations were with regard to air quality and would provide members with the full information when determining planning applications.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Air Quality; Protecting Health and Addressing Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) be recommended to the Executive for approval.