

**TO: ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –  
15 DECEMBER 2004**

**SUBJECT: CONTAMINATED LAND INSPECTION STRATEGY**

**FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH – POLLUTION CONTROL**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To review progress with implementation of the Contaminated Land Strategy.

**2. BACKGROUND**

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 - Part IIa required local authorities to inspect all of their areas for land which may be contaminated. If determined as being contaminated under the legislation, powers were given to ensure that the land was cleaned up. In order to demonstrate that the process was being conducted in an open and consistent manner a legal requirement was also imposed on local authorities to prepare a Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy.

This Council adopted its strategy in June 2001. There was no legal time-frame within which to complete the inspection process and this authority determined to complete by November 2006.

For a number of reasons the above timescale is unlikely to be achieved and it is likely that the inspection process will not now be completed until December 2007 or beyond.

**3. POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK**

The strategy contributes towards the Corporate Objective of providing a cleaner and greener environment and meeting its target of achieving redevelopment of brownfield sites.

**4. OUTCOME REQUIRED**

To agree to the approach being taken, in dealing with the Contaminated Land Inspection process.

Richard Hall  
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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy – June 2001

**Areas in District Affected:** All  
**Executive Portfolio Area and Holder:** Cllr Mrs Margaret Begg – Environment

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