

Report of the Chief Executive

CONTAMINATED LAND INSPECTION STRATEGY1. Purpose of report

To advise members of the latest Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy.

2. Detail

The UK has a legacy of historic land contamination derived from past industrial activities and waste disposal practices. Land contamination can be hazardous to people, property and the environment. Common contaminants include heavy metals, petroleum hydrocarbons (oils and fuels), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, asbestos and landfill gas.

The contaminated land regime was introduced in 2000 by the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to protect people, ecological systems, crops and livestock, property, buildings and controlled waters from harm caused by exposure to historic land contamination. It established a new, statutory regime for the identification, investigation and remediation of contaminated land. The regime requires each local authority to prepare, adopt and publish a strategy which explains how it will carry out this duty.

Broxtowe Borough Council is responsible for implementing and enforcing the contaminated land regime in the borough.

This strategy, included at appendix 1, outlines the regime for dealing with contaminated land in the borough. Broxtowe Borough Council's first contaminated land strategy was published in 2001 with subsequent updates in 2004 and 2010. The 2018 version, attached at appendix 1, incorporates recent changes in contaminated land guidance as well as aligning more closely with other Broxtowe Borough Council policies. An Equalities Impact Assessment is included at appendix 2.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy 2018 be approved.

Background papers

Nil