

Bath and North East Somerset Council

Full Council meeting, Thursday 13 July 2017

Liberal Democrat Motion on Clean Air for Bath

To be proposed by Councillor Richard Samuel

Council notes that:

1. Bath's excessively high air pollution levels caused by vehicles need to be reduced.
2. Safe pollution levels are frequently exceeded along the A4 and A36 and many other parts of the city centre, breaching European and World Health Organisation limits.
3. The risks to human health posed by air traffic pollution in Bath are of serious concern and action is required to reduce the risk.

Council resolves to request the Cabinet to:

4. Immediately take all steps possible to reduce levels of air pollution in Bath and report these to the Council.
5. Commit to the declaration of a comprehensively widely drawn Clean Air Zone for Bath, once the appropriate legislation is in place so that Bath residents are no longer exposed to the damaging effects of vehicle emissions.
6. Commit to the development of an updated Bath and North East Somerset strategy to bring air quality within safe and legal limits.
7. Ensure that resources are allocated to actions to bring dangerous air pollution with safe limits.
8. Undertake comprehensive traffic censuses along Bath's main traffic corridors to provide fully up to date data on which to develop evidence based solutions to reduce traffic levels.