

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference

E2817

Keynsham and Saltford AQAP

Decision maker/s	Cllr Martin Veal, Cabinet Member for Community Services Cllr Anthony Clarke, Cabinet Member for Transport
The Issue	Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) have been declared in Keynsham and Saltford due to exceedances of the national objective limits for measured nitrogen dioxide concentrations. Following declaration of the AQMAs, the Council is obliged to develop Air Quality Action Plans which seek to reduce air pollution to below the objective limit.
Decision Date	29/6/16
The decision	The Cabinet Members agree that the Air Quality Action Plan is adopted.
Rationale for decision	Measures have been included that could be developed within the next 5 years. The option of a bypass for Saltford was not considered as there are no proposals for this within the current Core Strategy that runs until 2029 and it is outside of the expected lifespan of the action plan.
Financial and budget implications	<p>There are currently no budgets aligned for implementation of any of the recommendations highlighted other than those that are delivered through the OLEV (Office of Low Emission Vehicle) fund.</p> <p>The preparation of the action plan creates a listing of proposals to be implemented. This does not commit the Council to implementation and spend against these actions at this time, but it will be important to document any decisions not to implement as this could lead to future challenge.</p> <p>Of the actions proposed, some could potentially be incorporated in the design of ongoing and future capital works aligned with current strategies, funded through new grant monies, provided by external partners or managed through existing revenue budgets (where in line with the required service provision).</p> <p>Each action proposed would require individual assessment, including funding options, through outline business case review or as part of a wider project business case.</p> <p>Each action put forward for implementation would then require the appropriate approval through the usual council process.</p>

<p>Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)</p>	<p>The content of the proposed air quality action plans seek to reduce the concentration of nitrogen dioxide in the air in certain areas of Keynsham and Saltford. The draft action plan was approved by the Cabinet Member prior to the commencement of the consultation period and was developed by the Air Quality Working Group that includes officers from Public Health, Transportation Policy, Sustainability and Public Protection and Health Improvement. The matter has since been heard at the Communities, Transport and Environment Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>The Keynsham action plan measures often duplicate those contained within other strategic documents such as the Keynsham Transport Strategy. This is due to the common aims of minimising the impact of traffic and reducing congestion.</p> <p>The lifespan of the action plan is not set by legislation, but it is expected that a new plan will need to be developed in 2021 in order to reassess actions and identify potential new measures for reducing air pollution.</p> <p>The following issues have been considered: Sustainability; Equality; Human Rights; Corporate; Other Legal Considerations</p>
<p>Consultation undertaken</p>	<p>Ward Councillor; Cabinet colleagues; Parish Council; Town Council; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer</p>
<p>How consultation was carried out</p>	<p>This AQAP was prepared by a team of officers consisting of representatives from Environmental Monitoring, Public Health, Transportation Planning, Development Control, Sustainability of Bath and North East Somerset Council. The following consultation was undertaken over a 12 week period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 drop in sessions with officers (2 in Keynsham and 1 in Saltford); • Questionnaires distributed directly to households along major roads; • On line consultation; • The following were directly approached for comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretary of State; Environment Agency; Highways authority; Neighbouring local authorities; Transition Keynsham; Community Transport Networking Group; Keynsham In Bloom; Saltford In Bloom; Old Vicarage Green Residents Association; Lions Club of Keynsham; Chamber of Commerce for Keynsham; Keynsham and District Dial a Ride; Manor Park Woodland group; Abbotts Wood group; B&NES Health and Wellbeing Board; Saltford Business Association;

	Residents Association; Bus operators; Sirona Care and Health;
Other options considered	In addition to the original options presented in the original consultation document, officers have included supplemental ones that arose from the exercise in the final Action Plans.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	<i>The nature of interest and whether interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or an-other interest, including any conflict of interest, (as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests). Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer or a member of their staff before taking the decision.</i>
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	
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