

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	<b>Communities, Transport and Environment Policy Development &amp; Scrutiny Panel</b>	
MEETING DATE:	<b>11 January 2018</b>	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	National Air Quality Plan - an update	
WARD:	All	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> None		

### 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report invites the Panel to receive an update on the work completed to date to achieve compliance with the National Air Quality Plan which was issued by the Government in July 2017. In the plan, Bath and North East Somerset Council is identified as one of 29 local authorities which has to achieve compliance with the national air quality objective for nitrogen dioxide, in the shortest time possible, before 2021.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Panel receives a presentation summarising progress and outlining the next steps which need to be taken to deliver the full business case which identifies the preferred options to achieve compliance with the National Air Quality Plan, by December 2018.

### 3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The Council has been awarded £1.1M by the Joint Air Quality Unit (Department of Food, Environment and Rural Affairs-DEFRA and the Department for Transport-DfT) to deliver a Full Business Case setting out its preferred options to achieve compliance by December 2018. As the project progresses further funding will be made available to support implementation through a competitive award process.

### 4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 DEFRA reviewed their Pollution Climate Mapping model in July 2017 and identified a number of authorities, including Bath and North East Somerset Council, where the Automatic Urban Rural Network site situated on London

Road, Bath predicted non-compliance with the national air quality objective for nitrogen dioxide beyond 2020.

4.2 The Council was issued with an Order of Direction on 27 July 2017 by the Joint Air Quality Unit, mandating B&NES Council to undertake a feasibility study and produce a business case and implementation plan setting out how we are going to achieve compliance by the end of December 2018 at the latest. The agreed measures will then have to be implemented with a view to achieving compliance by 2021.

## **5 THE REPORT**

5.1 The presentation to the Panel will provide an update including information on:

- Background to the National Air Quality Plan
- Background to the consultation on the Bath Air Quality Action Plan and its current status
- Explaining the link between Bath Air Quality Action Plan and the National Air Quality Plan
- The timeline for the National Air Quality Plan
- The governance for the project
- Funding for the project and future funding opportunities to support implementation
- Progress to date
- Next steps
- Communications and stakeholder engagement
- The timing of the next expected update

## **6 RATIONALE**

6.1 This report is being brought so that the Panel can be updated about progress with compliance of the National Air Quality Plan, including an appraisal of the stakeholder engagement which has taken place so far and information about the programme.

## **7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

7.1 None.

## **8 CONSULTATION**

8.1 The Divisional Director for Environmental Services, the Group Manager for Public Protection and Health Improvement and the Finance Manager for Place have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

## 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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<b>Background papers</b>	<i>None.</i>
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