

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**E3048****National Air Quality Plan- approval of Strategic Outline Business Case**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Bob Goodman, Cabinet Member for Development and Neighbourhoods Cllr Mark Shelford, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
The Issue	<p>The publication of the National Air Quality Plan in July 2017 mandated Bath and North East Somerset Council to produce a feasibility study and identify a preferred option, or package of measures, for delivering compliance with the air quality objective for nitrogen dioxide in Bath in the shortest time possible and by 2021 at the latest. As part of this legal duty, the Council is required to produce a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) setting out a short list of possible options for compliance by the end of March 2018, with the submission of a full business case identifying the preferred option by the end of December 2018 at the latest.</p> <p>This decision considers the SOBC and confirms the options which should be taken forward for further modelling and assessment.</p>
Decision Date	28 March 2018
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Members agree that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The packages of measures proposed in the Strategic Outline Business Case which is appended to this decision will be subject to further modelling, assessment and public engagement• Any minor amendments to the Strategic Outline Business Case suggested by the review by the Joint Air Quality Unit can be actioned by the Strategic Director for Place in conjunction with Cabinet Members.
Rationale for decision	<p>In arriving at the shortlist of options for the Strategic Outline Business Case, the Council's Project Team considered a long list of options, which were developed from the review of the Bath Air Quality Action Plan. The options taken forward for further assessment are those which will provide the necessary compliance in the shortest time possible.</p>
Financial and budget implications	<p>This project is externally funded by the Joint Air Quality Unit. The Council has been allocated funding until December 2018 for</p>

	<p>completion of the feasibility study and business case.</p> <p>The Council will then be eligible to apply for further government funding to implement its preferred option after December 2018, which is likely to include both capital and revenue funding. In the unlikely event that the Council is not successful in receiving funding after December 2018, then this will need to be reflected in the setting of future budgets.</p>
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Customer Focus; Sustainability; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Corporate; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Other B&NES Services; Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	Consultation was carried out through the circulation of this report and through specific briefing meetings.
Other options considered	In arriving at the shortlist of options, the Council's Project Team considered a long list of options, which were developed from the review of the Bath Air Quality Action Plan. The options taken forward for further assessment are those which will provide the necessary compliance in the shortest time possible.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	None.
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None.

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	
Exempt from Call-in following publication of the decision	