

Single Member Cabinet Decision**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference****E3065**

Proposed boundary of the Air Quality Management Area in Farrington Gurney

Decision maker/s	Cllr Bob Goodman, Cabinet Member for Development and Neighbourhoods
The Issue	Under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 local authorities are required to review and assess air quality within their area. Following a review of the air quality across the district an area within Farrington Gurney has been identified as exceeding the Government's annual average objective for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂) concentrations (in Appendix 3). The 40 micrograms per cubic metre (µg/m ³) annual average objective was exceeded at three diffusion tube locations in 2017, by 2 to 14 µg/m ³ . The authority is therefore required to declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) for the area of exceedance in Farrington Gurney. A consultation exercise has been undertaken to obtain public views on the proposed AQMA, and to gauge agreement on its proposed boundary. The Cabinet Member is being asked to approve the recommended AQMA boundary.
Decision Date	On or after 30 th June 2018
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees the proposed Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) boundary, which has been derived from the monitoring of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂) in Farrington Gurney and through a public consultation.
Rationale for decision	The Council has a statutory obligation under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 to declare an Air Quality Management Area where objectives have been exceeded. The proposed Air Quality Management Area is outlined in Appendix 2. This area includes an area along the A37 through Farrington Gurney which exceeds the 40 µg/m ³ annual average objective for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂) concentrations; as annual averages of 42 µg/m ³ , 52 µg/m ³ and 54 µg/m ³ were recorded at the three exceeding diffusion tube locations in 2017.
Financial and budget implications	The work undertaken for this project has been funded from existing budgets within Public Protection and Health Improvement.
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Sustainability; Corporate; Other Legal Considerations (Environment Act 1995)
Consultation undertaken	Ward Councillor; Cabinet colleagues; Parish Council; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Staff; Local Residents; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer

<p>How consultation was carried out</p>	<p>A public consultation exercise was carried out in accordance with Statutory Guidance issued by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) – the Local Air Quality Management Policy Guidance (PG16). This consultation exercise focused on the boundary of the proposed AQMA and took place between Monday 19th February and Friday 23rd March 2018.</p> <p>Several methods of consultation were used throughout including: an online survey, attendance at the village Parish Council meeting, a public drop in event, social media, delivery of leaflets and emailing key consultees. The responses received during the consultation were used to inform the recommendations.</p>
<p>Other options considered</p>	<p>(1) Not to declare an Air Quality Management Area. This is not a viable option as the Council would be in breach of its duty under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995.</p> <p>(2) To declare the original Air Quality Management Area, which does not incorporate any part of the A362. This option is ruled out due to the views of the public which emerged during the consultation period.</p>
<p>Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:</p>	
<p>Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:</p>	
<p>Signatures of Decision Makers</p>	
<p>Date of Signature</p>	
<p>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</p>	