

Bath & North East Somerset Council				
MEETING:	Communities, Transport and Environment Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel			
MEETING DATE:	29 October 2018			
TITLE:	Proposals for a Clean Air Zone in Bath			
WARD:	All			
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM				
List of attachments to this report: None				

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report invites the Panel to receive updated information about the proposals for a Clean Air Plan in Bath following the publication of the Outline Business Case required by the Government Direction served on the Council in July 2017.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Panel receives a presentation summarising the main points of the Outline Business Case which is accessible in full or in a summarised document from the Council's website <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/bath-breathes-2021-overview>. The presentation will also provide an update on the engagement response from the public since the launch of the consultation on 16 October 2018.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The project to deliver the Clean Air Plan is funded from central government. Should the decision be made to implement a Clean Air Zone, the Council will bid for further funding from central government to fund this next phase of the project.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Council is one of a number of local authorities served with a Direction, as part of the National Air Quality Plan, to deliver compliance with the national air quality objective for nitrogen dioxide in the shortest time possible and by 2021 at the latest.
- 4.2 Technical assessment and modelling carried out to date, confirms that in order to achieve the required reduction in nitrogen dioxide concentrations, a Class D Clean Air Zone is required where drivers of higher emission vehicles (including buses, coaches, hackney carriage and private hire vehicles, heavy goods vehicles, light goods vehicles and cars) will be charged for entering a defined geographical zone in the city. In addition to this charging measure, a suite of non-charging measures are being proposed to support the necessary behaviour change from the public and businesses. The Council is also considering

possible exemptions and concessions to mitigate any negative impacts for particular groups which maybe created by the introduction of this Clean Air Zone.

5 THE REPORT

5.1 The presentation to the Panel will cover the following topics:

- The key health messages
- The need for a Class D Clean Air Zone
- How the proposed charges were devised
- The proposed operation of the Clean Air Zone
- The proposed boundary and the steps which have been taken to avoid diversionary routes
- Other proposed non-charging measures
- Proposed exemptions and concessions from charging
- The scheme finances
- The public engagement which has been done to date and an update on the public's response since the launch of the consultation
- Key dates for decision-making

6 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6.1 None.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Group Manager for Parking Services has had an opportunity to review and confirm this report.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT

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