

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference	E3535
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**Revocation of Keynsham Air Quality Management Area
(AQMA)**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Warren, Deputy Council Leader (statutory) and Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel
The Issue	Revoking the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in Keynsham
Decision Date	Thursday 23 rd May 2024
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees the revocation of the Keynsham Air Quality Management Area Order (Dated July 2010)
Rationale for decision	<p>Officers monitor the concentration of nitrogen dioxide throughout the district. Where concentrations are found to be exceeding the objective limit of an annual average in excess of 40 micrograms per cubic metre, the local authority is required to declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). The AQMA for Keynsham was declared in 2010 (Figure 1 in Appendix 1). Following declaration of the Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA), the Council is obliged to develop Air Quality Action Plans which seek to reduce air pollution to below the objective limit. An Air Quality Action Plan was adopted for the Keynsham AQMA in 2016.</p> <p>Under the Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 an AQMA can be revoked if a subsequent review shows that air quality objectives have been met. The technical guidance (Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance (LAQM.TG(22)), recommends that an AQMA is revoked when monitoring has been below the objective for a minimum of 3 consecutive years and that an AQMA should not remain in place where the relevant objective has been met for 5 years. An assessment in 2022 and ongoing monitoring shows that nitrogen dioxide concentrations have been below the government's objectives since 2018.</p>
Financial and budget implications	The revocation of the AQMAs does not place any additional resource implications (Finance, Property, People) to the Council.
Issues considered	Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Ward Councillor; Cabinet colleagues; Parish Council; Other B&NES Services; Local Residents; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Director for Service Area; Monitoring Officer

<p>How consultation was carried out</p>	<p>As recommended in the policy guidance (LAQM.PG(22)), all statutory consultees were informed of the proposal to revoke the AQMA in Keynsham and given the opportunity to comment. Residents and Businesses within a 25 m buffer of the AQMA were informed of the proposal to revoke the AQMA in Keynsham and given the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Ward Councillors and the Keynsham Parish Council informed of the proposal to revoke the AQMA in Keynsham and given the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>The information on the revocation was also put on the Council's website and in the Keynsham library.</p>
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<p>Other options considered</p>	<p>None</p>
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<p>Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:</p>	<p>None</p>
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<p>Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:</p>	<p>None</p>
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<p>Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s</p>	<p>Councillor Sarah Warren Deputy Council Leader, Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel Bath and North East Somerset Council</p>
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<p>Date of Signature</p>	<p>23 May 2024</p>
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