

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference****E3584****Adopting the Bath Air Quality Action Plan 2024**

<b>Decision maker/s</b>	Cllr Sarah Warren, Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel
<b>The Issue</b>	Adopting the updated Bath Air Quality Action Plan required under the Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 as amended by the Environment Act (2021)
<b>Decision Date</b>	2nd April 2025
<b>The decision</b>	The Cabinet Member agrees that the Bath Air Quality Action Plan 2024 is adopted.
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	<p>Under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 as amended by the Environment Act (2021), and the relevant Policy and Technical Guidance documents local authorities to review and assess air quality within their area.</p> <p>In 2002, the Council declared an Air Quality Management Area in Bath, this was later updated to the current area in 2013.</p> <p>This action plan replaces the previous action plan which ran from 2011-2024 and covers the Bath Air Quality Management Area.</p> <p>This plan will be reviewed every five years at the latest and progress on measures set out within this Plan will be reported annually, within Bath and North East Somerset Council's air quality annual status report.</p> <p>Adopting the Bath Air Quality Action Plan (2024-2029) will ensure the Council comply with our statutory responsibilities.</p>
<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	The Bath Air Quality Action Plan 2024 does not place any additional resource implications to the Council.
<b>Issues considered</b>	Sustainability; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Other Legal Considerations
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	Ward Councillor; Cabinet colleagues; Other B&NES Services; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	Internal stakeholders were involved in the development of the plan and were given the opportunity to comment.

	<p>Consultation period ran between 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The consultation was online with a press release, inclusion on the Council's e-Newsletter and hard copies were available in libraries within Bath. Statutory consultees included National Highways, Neighbouring Local Authorities, Environment Agency, West of England Mayoral Combined Authority and Defra were informed via email.</p>
<b>Other options considered</b>	None
<b>Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:</b>	None
<b>Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:</b>	None

<b>Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s</b>	<b>Cllr Sarah Warren</b> , Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel
<b>Date of Signature</b>	02/04/2025

**Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision**