

Cherwell District Council

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

27 March 2017

Air Quality Action Plan

Report of Public Protection Manager

This report is public

Purpose of report

To review the Air Quality Action Plan for Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington prior to consideration by Executive

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To review and comment on the Air Quality Action Plan for Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington prior to consideration by Executive for approval on the 3 April 2017.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 A report on the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) for Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington went to Executive on the 6 March 2017 for approval. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix 1 and a copy of the AQAP is attached as Appendix 2.
- 2.2 The Executive resolved that the AQAP be deferred to enable the report to go to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review prior to consideration by Executive at its meeting on the 3 April 2017.

3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 The proposed action plan measures for consideration are shown in Tables 5.1 to 5.5 in the AQAP; Table 5.1 lists the general measures that would apply to all four Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) and Tables 5.2 to 5.5 the measures specific to one of the AQMAs.
- 3.2 Further consideration will also need to be given to the measures shown in Table 6.1 of the AQAP. These were considered during the consultation process but are not being taken forward because there is currently no funding or commitment to develop them. The proposal is that these measures would be reconsidered at each review of the AQAP.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 The production of an AQAP is mandatory once an order to declare an AQMA has been issued. The Council has issued an order for each of the four AQMAs declared.

5.0 Consultation

5.1 Please see the attached Executive report in Appendix 1.

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

6.1 There are no alternative options. The Council is required to produce an AQAP once an Air Quality Management Area has been declared.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. The continuing review and assessment of air quality and the development of the AQAP will be met within existing budgets.

Comments checked by Kelly Wheeler, Principal Accountant (Operations and Delivery), 01327 322230, kelly.wheeler@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk

Legal Implications

7.2 There is a statutory requirement to review and assess air quality and if an AQMA has been declared it is a requirement to produce an AQAP outlining the actions to improve air quality in that area.

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Risk

7.3 There is an increase in risk to health to prolonged exposure to elevated levels of nitrogen dioxide. This risk is being managed through the service risk register and will be escalated if necessary to the corporate register.

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8.0 Decision Information

Wards Affected

Banbury Grimsbury and Hightown
Banbury Cross and Neithrop
Kidlington East
Bicester West
Bicester East
Bicester South and Ambrosden

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

Fulfilling the statutory regulatory functions of the Council, supporting the protection of human health and wellbeing from poor air quality and protecting the natural environment link to the Council's Business Plan objective to 'work to promote and support health and wellbeing across the District'

Lead Councillor

Councillor Tony Ilott, Lead Member for Public Protection

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Executive Report 6 March 2017
Appendix 2	Air Quality Action Plan
Appendix 3	Air Quality Action Plan Development Survey
Appendix 4	Air Quality Action Plan Survey Responses
Background Papers	
None	
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