

Progress Report on the Derbyshire County and Derby City Air Quality Working Group

SUMMARY

- 1.1 A Derbyshire wide Air Quality working group has been established to provide assurance to the City and County Health and Wellbeing Boards on the management, monitoring, planning and response to air quality issues across Derbyshire.
- 1.2 The group is comprised of representatives from Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Borough and District Councils, Sustrans and the Chamber of Commerce.
- 1.3 The work planned for the coming year includes support to Clean Air Day in June and the development of a County wide air quality strategy.
- 1.4 It is proposed that the group reports annually to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board receive an annual update from the air quality working group.
- 2.2 That the Health and Wellbeing Board support the work plan of the air quality working group including development of an Air quality Strategy, implementation of Supplementary Planning Guidance and engagement with the national Clean Air Day.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Air quality is a significant determinant of health, and is a substantial risk factor in the mortality and morbidity of the local population. The impact of air pollution affects the whole population, however disproportionately affects the young, older people, those with underlying health conditions and the most disadvantaged within our communities.
- 3.2 Improvements in air quality require joint strategic action across a range of stakeholders. Even modest decreases in air pollution can lead to population impacts including increase in life expectancy and quality of life.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The air quality working group established in December 2016, meets quarterly, and seeks to provide assurance to the Health Protection and Health and Wellbeing Boards of Derbyshire County and Derby City Councils around the strategic priorities to address air quality, including the management, monitoring, planning and response required to address air quality across the geographical area and protect the public's health.
- 4.2 The group seeks to agree strategic priorities and ensure collaborative action around air quality through the facilitation of relationships between stakeholders, sharing best practice, ensuring collaborative working in applications for resources, collating common evidence base and monitoring progress on action.
- 4.3 The group will discharge functions through local task and finish groups as required or associated groups as required including Planning and Health and Chief Regulators Group.
- 4.4 Core membership comprises key stakeholders including Derbyshire County, Derby City Council and Borough and District representatives including, planning, sustainable travel, transport, public health, environmental health and communications, and representatives from Sustrans, Chamber of Commerce and academics.
- 4.5 The group is currently in development however the following has been established;
- Terms of reference
 - Organisational log; providing a complete overview of strategic action to support air quality improvement across a range of stakeholders, support reporting to DEFRA and collaborative working between stakeholders.
 - Reference directory to support evidence based consistent applications for funding bids and local projects.
 - Links established with Planning and Health Group, Chief Regulators Group, Health Protection Board and Local Nature Partnership
 - Draft supplementary planning guidance developed in conjunction with Public Health England and regional expertise.
 - Engagement in the National Clean Air Day (15th June 2017), including support from health providers and commissioners, chamber of commerce, schools and colleges, and workplaces.
 - Annual joint air quality report.
- 4.6 The group is currently developing a work plan for 2017/18 to include;
- Promotion of the National Clean Air Day to include workplace promotion of active travel and electric vehicles, car free days, training and resources for health professionals, walk to school days, sharing of social media messages.
 - Proposal for the pilot of 20mph zones to measure impacts in relation to air quality.
 - Development of a heat map to support strategic intervention in relation to air quality, highlighting priority areas in relation to poor air quality, current infrastructure including electric charging points and cycle routes, travel trends,

and vulnerable sites such as care homes, schools and nurseries.

- Development of a joint Air Quality Strategy
- Implementation of supplementary planning guidance to support air quality mitigation and improvement.

- 4.7 The work plan aims to ensure consistent evidence based work to address air quality across organisations and geographies, support sharing of best practice, and ensure efficiency of investment.

REFERENCES

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 No current financial implications

Legal

- 2.1 No current legal implications. Legal involvement will be required in the event of development of planning guidance.

Personnel

- 3.1 None

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- 4.1 None

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Poor air quality is known to disproportionately impact the health of the young, older people, those with underlying conditions and the most disadvantaged communities. Addressing air quality will support work to reduce health inequalities.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None

Risk Management

- 9.1 None

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 Work to address air quality could directly and indirectly support corporate objectives including strategies to reduce health inequalities, increase physical activity, air quality management plans, area plan, and transport strategies.

