



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT

TOPIC – RECOMMENDATIONS OF AIR QUALITY ISG

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Corporate Director (Governance), the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other relevant overview and scrutiny committee. In addition, all Members are notified.

If five or more Members from those informed request, the Leader may require the matter be referred to Cabinet for determination.

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SUMMARY

The Air Quality ISG reported the outcome of their review to The Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 23 January 2012 (Report OSC 27 refers).

The recommendations were subsequently considered by Cabinet on 8 February 2012 (Report [CAB 2295](#) refers)

At the Cabinet meeting it was reported that a revised format of the original ISG recommendations was being considered aimed at grouping them thematically. Cabinet delegated consideration of these suggestions to the Portfolio Holder. They also asked for resource implications for each recommendation to be clarified and which recommendations were already underway.

This PHD reflects those recommendations.

DECISION

That the final recommendations contained in Appendix 1 resulting from the work of the Air Quality ISG approved.

REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

All of the alternative options were considered by the original ISG who have recommended the actions within this PHD.

Alternative wording was also considered by Cabinet who agreed to delegate the final wording to the Portfolio Holder for endorsement through a PHD decision.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The resources implications for each of the recommendations is shown below

Recommendation Number	Resource Implications	Work already in progress?
1	Can be delivered as part of existing air quality project	Yes
2a	Nil at this stage. Individual projects will be subject to Project Initiation Documents which will identify the resources required and their source	Yes
2b		No
2c		No
2d		No
2e		No
2f		No
2g		No
2h		No
3a	Can be delivered as part of existing air quality project. The BID will provide any resources required.	No
3b		Yes
3c		No
4	Can be delivered as part of existing air quality project	Yes
5	Can be delivered as part of existing air quality project	Yes
6	Review can be undertaken as part of existing air quality project Report will identify any resources required for improvements	No
7	Review can be undertaken as part of existing air quality project . Future cost implications of policy changes will be identified in any recommendations which will require Cabinet approval before being implemented	Yes
8	Review can be undertaken as part of	No

	existing air quality project . Provision of funds for data collection and validation is unknown until the review is completed.	
9	Can be delivered as part of existing air quality project	Yes
10	No resource implications	No
11	Can be delivered as part of existing air quality project, but can only be completed subsequent to the completion and cabinet approval of reports identified in points 1 to 10 above.	No

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE PROPOSED DECISION

The original chair of the ISG has been consulted on the content of the final recommendations contained in this PHD Notice.

FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

N/A

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED

N/A

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

N/A

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision: 16.07.12

Councillor Roger Huxstep - Portfolio Holder for Environment

APPENDIX

That the following recommendations for action be agreed as the City Council's response to the conclusions of the Air Quality ISG.

1. That Winchester City Council should 'un-declare' for PM10's within its Air Quality Management Area in accordance with the approved DEFRA report submitted by Winchester City Council in 2011. However the monitoring of PM10s should continue throughout the period of the Silver Hill development and funding contributions sought from the developer.
2. That the City Council continues to work with Hampshire County Council in the implementation of the Winchester Town Access Plan giving priority to the following issues:
 - a) The relief of congestion in AQMA hotspot areas including St George's Street
 - b) The opportunities for the provision of an additional Park & Ride site to serve the northern approaches of Winchester City.
 - c) a more realistic trial is undertaken within the whole of the Air Quality Management Area regarding the impacts of a 20 mph zone on air quality
 - d) The provision of additional secure cycle stands within Winchester City centre car parks.
 - e) The feasibility of introducing cycle contra-flows within Winchester City.
 - f) Ensuring that the measures implemented through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund include a quantitative assessment of their likely impact on air quality.
 - g) Completion of a traffic management study in order to identify and delivering additional schemes to support the plan
3. That the City Council work with the Winchester BID on potential schemes to
 - a. Implement a local delivery service
 - b. Provide a shared waste collection service.
 - c. The introduction of a park and ride user voucher scheme.
4. That the car parking price structure should continue to be linked with distance from the town centre and that air quality impacts should be a demonstrable consideration built into the pricing structure.
5. That a report is submitted to Cabinet identifying the costs and opportunities for the provision of electric vehicle charging points within WCC car parks.
6. That a further report be submitted to Cabinet identifying potential improvements to the provision of air quality information to the public.

7. That the car park season ticket and residents parking pricing structure should continue to encourage the use of low emission vehicles.
8. That the City Council works with HCC to investigate cost effective options for the provision of robust data on traffic profiles to inform whether a Low Emission Zone is a viable future opportunity for air quality management within Winchester City.
9. That the City Council continues to encourage cycling from the Park & Ride sites into the City Centre, including the provision of safe cycling routes and secure cycle storage.
10. That Cabinet welcome the introduction the green-dash board scheme on buses by Stagecoach and encourages other bus operators within the district to follow their example.
11. That, the current Air Quality Action Plan be updated to include the outcomes of the ISG process with the aim of providing a clear direction for air quality management for the medium to long term.