

Agenda item 10

DERBYSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Report of the Director of Public Health

Air Quality Working Group Update

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide an update of the work being undertaken by the Derbyshire County and Derby City Air Quality Working Group.

2. Supporting Information

The Air Quality Working Group, which was 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 to protect the public's health.

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.

The Group discharges its functions through local task and finish groups as required or associated groups including Planning and Health and Chief Regulators Group.

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.

Since December 2016 the Group has:

- Drafted and agreed Terms of reference
- Undertaken mapping of existing strategic action to support air quality improvement across a range of stakeholders.
- Supported the Air Quality Management Area process sign-off procedure via Director of Public Health input
- Published a reference directory to ensure that a consistent evidence base is available to support policy and funding applications.
- Established links with Planning and Health Group, Chief Regulators Group, Health Protection Board and Local Nature Partnership
- Developed Draft supplementary planning guidance in conjunction with Public Health England and regional expertise.

- Co-ordinated Derbyshire involvement in the National Clean Air Day which took place on 15 June 2017
- Produced an Annual Air Quality report to summarise progress on Borough and District Air Quality Management.

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.
- Ensuring that pilots of 20mph zones considers impact of 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.
- Health Impact assessment of the proposed Derby City clean air zone.
- Implementation of supplementary planning guidance to support air quality mitigation and improvement.

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.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Health and Wellbeing Board

- Receive an annual update from the Air Quality Working Group.
- Support the work plan of the Air Quality Working Group, including the development of an air quality strategy, implementation of Supplementary Planning Guidance and engagement with the National Clean Air Day.

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