

<b>COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Motion 3 in the name of Councillor Morrison to be seconded by Councillor Wise	
<b>Key Decision</b>		Item No.13
<b>Ward</b>		
<b>Contributors</b>	Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: 22 January 2014

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The Council notes with concern statistics released on 3rd September 2013 which placed Lewisham as the 12th worst borough affected by air pollution.

The Council notes that the coalition Government consulted on changes with the Local Air Quality Management Review which was widely criticised as an attempt to hide the facts about air pollution. The council did respond and this is noted.

The Council further notes that the Government have published a response to this consultation announcing that a further review is due in 2014.

The Council notes that nitrogen dioxide contributes to respiratory problems, particularly with regards to aggravating asthma and causing problems such as colds, flu and bronchitis. Children with asthma are particularly put at risk by these levels of pollution. Emergency hospital admissions in Lewisham for asthma for those aged under 19 are significantly higher than the UK average.

Council notes that most of the air pollution within an urban area such as London arises from emissions from motor vehicles.

Council notes that Mayor of London also has responsibility for the quality of air in London and that he has failed to address the issue since he was elected to office.

Council further notes that regular air quality monitoring takes place in the borough and that areas which fail to meet the Air Quality Objectives are designated as Air Quality Management Areas and an Air Quality Action Plan put in place with measures aimed at reducing the concentrations. Measures contained in the Air Quality Action Plan include encouraging cycling and walking.

Council calls on the Mayor of London to take urgent action to tackle the levels of nitrogen dioxide in the air and focus on reducing the number of cars on our roads by reducing public transport fares.

Council urges the Mayor of London to take air quality into account when considering any further river crossings in East London.

Council commits to continuing to monitor the quality of air in the borough and will continue to implement the Air Quality Action Plans where appropriate and will respond to the forthcoming Government consultation likewise”.