

MAYOR AND CABINET		
Report Title	Response to the Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Air Quality Action Plan	
Key Decision	No	Item No.
Ward	All	
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Class	Part 1	Date: 15 February 2017

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out the response to the comments and views arising from the Sustainable Development Select Committee, discussions held on the Council's proposed Air Quality Action Plan at its meeting on the 25 October 2016.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Mayor:

- 2.1 Approves the responses from the Executive Director for Community Services to the comments from the Sustainable Development Select Committee.
- 2.2 Agrees that this report should be forwarded to the Sustainable Development Select Committee.

3. Background

- 3.1 On 25 October 2016, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered an officers report on the draft Air Quality Action Plan. Following the Select Committee a referral was made to the Mayor and Cabinet on 7 December 2016. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:

3.2 Referral 1

- 3.2.1 The Committee commends the air quality action plan. However, it believes that an additional point should be added to the plan, which tasks Lewisham's political leadership with championing the issue of air quality inside and outside of the borough.

3.3 Response

- 3.3.1 An additional action was added to the Air Quality Action Plan and Cllr Onikosi, will take responsibility for progressing this on behalf of the Mayor and Cabinet Committee and consider implementation dates and progress which will be reported to the Greater London Authority (GLA) through the Annual Status Report (ASR).

3.4 Referral 2

- 3.4.1 The Committee welcomes the proposed increase in charging points for electric vehicles. The Committee recommends that the Council carries out a campaign to encourage usage.

3.5 Response

- 3.5.1 An additional Action was added to the Air Quality Action Plan for carry out such a campaign and this will be timed to coordinate with the increase of Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs) planned for March 2017. The Council will report back to the GLA through the ASR on feedback to the campaign and monitor increases in numbers of residents using EVCPs.

3.6 Referral 3

- 3.6.1 The Committee also recommends that there be a proactive and high profile anti-idling campaign, which sets out the importance of good air quality to the whole community.

3.7 Response

- 3.7.1 An additional Action was added to the Air Quality Action Plan for carrying out a Council wide anti-idling campaign, discouraging unnecessary idling by vehicles, with a date being considered in the summer, potentially coordinating this with a summer school campaign already proposed. The Council will report back to GLA through the ASR on the review and outcome of campaign.

4. **Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Any financial implications in respect of the above will be part of the existing budget resourcing with support from Lewisham's Communication Team.

5. **Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The Council is legally required, under Section 84 of the Environment Act 1995, to progress its approved Air Quality Action Plan and through the establishment of the London Local Air Quality Management system is required to report to the Mayor of London annually, empowered under Section 85(5) of the same Act, on progress through their ASR.

6. **Crime and Disorder Implications**

- 6.1 There are no crime and disorder implications associated with this report.

7. **Equalities Implications**

- 7.1 The Air Quality Action Plan will apply across the areas designated as Air Quality Management Areas. Measures aimed at tackling poor air quality however tend to have wider benefits and actions introduced will also improve air quality throughout the borough. Therefore there is no adverse equalities implications associated with this report.

8. Environmental Implications

- 8.1 An Air Quality Action Plan will have positive benefits for the environment. A synergy exists between actions aimed at improving the quality of the air we breathe locally and tackling carbon emissions and improving public health and well-being.

Background papers

Report to the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the air quality action plan
<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s45996/05%20Air%20quality%20action%20plan%20251016.pdf>

Report of comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the air quality action plan to Mayor and Cabinet:
<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s47004/Comments%20of%20the%20Sustainable%20Development%20Select%20Committee%20on%20the%20air%20quality%20action%20plan.pdf>

Report to the Mayor and Cabinet Committee on Draft Air Quality Action Plan 2015-2021
<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s47002/Air%20Quality%20Action%20Plan.pdf>

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