

# **APPENDIX S**

## **WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE - 31 MARCH 2009**

### **ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** **16 MARCH 2009**

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**Title:**

**WAVERLEY'S AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT**

[Portfolio Holder for Environment: Cllr John Sandy]

[Wards Affected: All]

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**Summary and purpose:**

Waverley is required to submit an annual Progress Report on its Air Quality Action Plan by 30 April 2009. A draft version of the report was considered by the Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 16 March and is now submitted to the Executive for information and comment.

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**How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:**

The air quality exceedences that led to the declaration of Waverley's Air Quality Management Areas are due to pollutants found in vehicle exhaust emissions. The proposals in the Air Quality Action Plan will help reduce the impact of vehicle emissions on the environment, and will help deliver Waverley's corporate plan priority of tackling climate change.

**Equality and Diversity Implications:**

Air pollution affects some of the most vulnerable in society – older people and the very young. Often people with low income live in areas with poor air quality.

**Resource/Value for Money implications:**

The Air Quality Action Plan Progress Report outlines the expenditure by Waverley and its partners on the Air Quality Action Plan to date. The projects are being undertaken within the current staffing allocated to local air quality management.

**Legal Implications:**

Submitting an Air Quality Action Plan Progress Report is a statutory requirement under Part IV of the 1995 Environment Act

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## **Introduction**

1. The completion and submission of the Air Quality Action Plan Progress Report will help deliver Waverley's statutory duties as defined under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995. The Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) is an opportunity for Waverley to tackle local air pollution and help improve the health of the local community.
2. For information, earlier drafts of the Annual Progress Report (APR) have been before Waverley's Local Committee (on 13<sup>th</sup> March) and ELOS (16<sup>th</sup> March). The draft annual progress report is attached at [Annexe 1](#) and incorporates changes arising out of these committees. The APR will update the AQAP by being published within the time limits required by DEFRA. It will contain known updates on all proposed measures in the original AQAP together with any new ones that have been developed since the original was submitted.

## **Conclusion**

3. Annual Progress Reports are an opportunity to ensure the AQAP for Waverley is kept on track and updated. Any observations or recommendations from the Local Committee, ELOS, partners and the Executive can be taken into account in preparing the final document for submission.

## **Comments from Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

4. The following points were raised as observations from ELOS
5. The Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee raised concerns about high emission hotspots around the Borough, particularly at the traffic lights at the junction of Holloway Hill/Flambards Way/Ockford Road and also sites in Farnham which Surrey County Council had proposed would be made more free flowing for traffic by altering the sequence of traffic lights thereby assisting to reduce emissions.
6. A member of the Committee asked whether Nitrous Oxide fumes emitted from Hindhead Tunnel would be discharged or filtered.
7. The Committee would like the opportunity to review the Air Quality Action Plan at regular intervals.
8. The Committee did not agree that further training or briefing on the issues arising from air quality in the borough was necessary.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that:

1. the Executive notes the content of the draft Annual Progress Report to date and submits any observations on the final version that will be submitted to DEFRA; and

2. the Head of Service, with the agreement of the Portfolio Holder, is able to make further amendments arising from consultation with partners as necessary.

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**Background Papers (SDRR)**

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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