

## Devizes Air Quality Meeting Notes – 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2022

### Present:

Martin Aldam	Laura Gosling	Philippa Morgan	Richard Ormerod
Cath Read	Gary Tomsett	Jason Salter	
Eric Clerk	Tamara Reay	Simon Fisher	
Jasper Selwyn	Richard Rogers	Edward East	

### Air Quality Update

- A project is taking place to replace the equipment in Sydenham Street
- The revised air quality action plan is in draft form and awaiting permission from cabinet to go out for consultation.
- A bid has been submitted to DEFRA which includes the air quality action plan delivery for Salisbury as well bus marketing. Expecting a decision early 2023
- A reminder that real time data is available via the [Air Quality England](#) web site

### Martin Aldam Update

- The £30k that had been allocated for the LCWIP in Devizes has now been found from another source
- The first draft of the Devizes LCWIP has been produced but requires Active Travel to look at it.
- **ACTION** – MA agreed to circulate the draft plan before the meeting with Atkins

### Bus Services

- A short survey will go out from the 4<sup>th</sup> November for 4 weeks asking about what services people would like to see in the town. It will be available on-line and in hard copy. Devizes TC and Bishops Cannings PC offered to assist in distributing it.
- £500k S106 funding from Lay Wood development plus additional revenue to run the services exists and this should last for approximately 4 years.
- A new service should be added by Easter 2023 to serve Lay Wood.
- DTC and BCPC will combine and invite the PTU to attend one of their meetings
- Wiltshire Connect should also start operating from March 23 to improve demand responsive services in the Pewsey Vale. The service is being joined up with GWR with emphasis upon linking up train and bus services.
- Bus drivers and willingness of suppliers to bid are the key challenges
- £600k is being invested in upgrading real time information particularly in main hubs which includes Devizes town centre.

### Cycling

- The LCWIP will allow opportunities to apply for funding
- Active Travel recently asked all councils to carry out a self-assessment to see if they can apply for funding and WC were only rated 1 out of 5

- Some small projects have been identified such as removing barriers, dropped curbs, signage etc. Some of the air quality funding can be used to carry these out.
- ACTION – Cath to send out a list of possible work to be done. This will go to DTC and BCPC to consider first and then to the LHFIG.

#### **E-cars**

- The proposed survey to explore whether there would be support for e-cars and e-bikes in the Devizes area was supported.
- Alterations agreed to the survey were:
  - ✓ Locations for e-cars to be kept simple as town centre locations
  - ✓ E-bike locations to include key areas where people go to such as the leisure centre, supermarkets etc.
- Due to the bus survey being launched pre-Christmas it was decided that the co-cars survey should be launched in January 23

#### **EV Charing points**

- There are currently no public charging points in Devizes
- Development Control regulations now require charging points to be put in new builds or major refurbishments where parking is for 10 cars or more
- A concern is homes where there is no parking available that allows for charging points

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023, 3pm in Devizes Town Council