

Notes and Action Points from Air Quality Management Group (AQMG)

25 Sept 2019, 14:00, Old Fire Station, Salisbury

Present: Heather Blake (WC) Nicola Lipscombe (SAGP)
Richard Bolton (COGS) Cllr Jeremy Nettle (SCC),
Annie Child (SCC) Marc Read (CEM, Salisbury)
Alex Chutter (Salisbury Reds) Pam Rouquette (Walking for Health)
Alison Craig (SCE) Margaret Willmot (COGS)
Mike Lennard (Salisbury Transition City) Neil Winter (Highways England)

Apologies: Scott Anderson (WC), Cllr Derek Brown, Gary Tomsett (WC)

1	<p>Review Minutes & Actions</p> <p>Actions covered by separate agenda items, other than the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information on engine idling had been circulated.• Margaret had identified that currently a Co-Cars/WC Pool car link was impractical as within Wiltshire Co-Cars only had a presence in Salisbury & pool cars could be based in Salisbury or elsewhere in the county.• Re P&R usage : the free P&R had resulted in increased usage, although Salisbury Reds reported that in some cases this was caused by a transfer from existing scheduled services to P&R. Plus info on footfall suggested that this had not increased as hoped.• Re guidance to P&R sites, Paul Shaddock had responded that P&R is signed from outside Salisbury & people coming past this point were likely to already have opted for city centre parking. The future of the Car Park Guidance System (CPGS) is currently being considered as part of work looking at how vehicles access Salisbury City Centre prompted by projects such as the proposed Maltings redevelopment and the Central Area Framework.
2	<p>Review Terms of Reference</p> <p>Nicola felt the Climate Emergency motion which had been passed should be mentioned and that 'Salisbury Area Greenspace Partnership' should be recognized in the list of groups which were members. Marc would update.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Marc</p>
3	<p>Highways England Application</p> <p>Neil Winter has discussed the schemes proposed with the designated fund leads and had updated the spreadsheet with current thoughts on the likelihood of funding. Plus there were other projects being trialed elsewhere - e.g. an option for fleets of delivery vehicles whereby an electric vehicle was loaned for a period to see whether it would suit an organization. This might be something fleets in Salisbury could try.</p> <p>Heather Blake said there had been a positive meeting looking at cycling & safety issues attended by WC & HE. This looked at sundry things including subways. Various schemes will be worked on further by HE, with info and assistance from WC.</p> <p>Issues around traffic on Devizes Road were discussed – not in scope for HE funding, but Heather indicated a parking survey of Devizes Rd might be done, to see whether a cycle lane was feasible. Off-road options were not currently being looked at.</p> <p>At this stage, schemes on the spreadsheet were being considered in an interative process.</p>

	Once through an initial sift a more formal business case would be required. Neil will update the group through these meetings.
4	<p>Urban Tree Challenge Fund</p> <p>Scott had indicated that WC did not have the capacity to lead on a block application (the closing date for which had now passed).</p> <p>Nicola expressed disappointment with this. Jeremy Nettle said SCC were planning to plant approx. 148 trees this year, they too had staff capacity issues. It was agreed that the Salisbury Area Greenspace Partnership might be able to lead on an application for next year's community bid, with support from SCC.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Nicola/SCC</p>
5	<p>Clean Air Day 2020</p> <p>Richard Bolton reported from a meeting held on 14/8/2019 to look at possible options. Clean Air Day 2020 would be Saturday 20/6. At present the thought was to feature 'carrots' rather than 'sticks' – encouraging people to walk/cycle/use public transport into town rather than drive, but without formal road closures.</p> <p>There was the thought to have a display in the Guildhall & a 'carnival' atmosphere. Salisbury Reds indicated that by end of Jan there should be 3 x electric buses in Salisbury, might be possibilities for e.g. a 'clean air day rider' ticket. Other points discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibilities of grant funding given this would be revenue not capital (maybe Health & Wellbeing budget, or Youth?). • Could there be links to Salisbury 2020, City on the Move? • Could there be funding for banners to advertise in advance? • Mike Lennard mentioned that the following Saturday is the 'Sustainable Salisbury' event. • Clean Air day would be the same w/e as the Summer Solstice in 2020 <p>It was suggested that there should be a further meeting to take ideas forward, possibly in October?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Marc Read</p>
6	<p>Action Plan Update</p> <p>Pam & Nicola had produced a revised version of the Action Plan. This was favourably received and there was some discussion of various points arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since this is an Air Quality action plan, Heather felt it was important that it focused on things which would improve air quality, this was not necessarily the same as working towards carbon-neutral sustainable development. • It was felt that the plan, & updates to it would form a good basis for future meetings. Pam & Nicola would do a few minor amendments in the light of comments received and the Action Plan would then be sent around. <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Pam/Nicola</p>
7	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In respect of Highways England funding, it was mentioned that April 2020 would see the start of a new 5-year funding cycle. • Alison would be keen to see something done prior to April: HE would like to do something 'in year' also, but this couldn't be guaranteed.
8	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 15/1/2020, 14:00 – 16:00, Old Fire Station, Salt Lane</p>

Notes: Margaret Willmot, 02/10/2019