

## Devizes Air Quality and Transport Strategy Group Meeting

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019, White Horse Room, Devizes Community Hub

### Notes

Present: Peter Evans (Wiltshire Council); Kelvin Nash; Jeremy Cross; Philippa Morgan; Gary Tomsett (Wiltshire Council)

Item	Notes	Action
Apologies	Jasper Selwyn; Richard Ormerod; Andrew Jack (Wiltshire Council);	
Recap / Funding Summary	<p>An updated air quality summary was circulated at the meeting, which indicated improvements in the Shane's Castle area. Brewery Corner and New Park St remain 'RED'. Shane's Castle – on hold Monitoring of London Road AQ will restart.</p> <p>Windsor Drive – no further progress with trees Police HQ – request for trees to be planted on Wiltshire Police land in and around London Road has not been favourably received.</p> <p>Bus operators have been approached regarding idling engines whilst waiting at bus stops. Drivers have been instructed to switch off during waiting times. The Road Traffic Act Section 42, rule 123 states that: <i>You MUST NOT leave a parked vehicle unattended with the engine running or leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road. Generally, if the vehicle is stationary and is likely to remain so for more than a couple of minutes, you should apply the parking brake and switch off the engine to reduce emissions and noise pollution. However it is permissible to leave the engine running if the vehicle is stationary in traffic or for diagnosing faults.</i></p> <p>There was a discussion regarding public awareness, e.g. via social media or posters etc. Also liaising with schools. This could be a future project for the group.</p> <p>GT advised that Salisbury organised a Clean Air Day, and the Wiltshire AQ website has been secured for a further 3 years.</p> <p>PE commented on the success of Beat the Street scheme in Devizes a few years ago and will make enquiries with Kate Mountain regarding running it again next year.</p>	PE to contact Kate Mountain

	<p>GT would encourage the Home Run scheme.</p> <p>JC enquired about Street Cleaning (in hot weather). PE will ask again at Wiltshire Council.</p>	
Air Quality Summary	An updated air quality summary was circulated at the meeting, which indicated improvements in the Shane's Castle area. Brewery Corner and New Park St remain 'RED'.	
Windsor Drive update	No update	
Key Existing Projects	<p>Shanes Castle: On hold</p> <p>Canal Towpath: £195k is available for this work. The Canal &amp; Rivers Trust is happy to spend this money on this work, however they will not commit to beginning the work until the money is transferred from Wiltshire Council. Although Wiltshire Council will not release funding until they have agreement on the project from Canal &amp; Rivers Trust. JC commented that signs have been erected suggesting a start date of 15 July.</p>	
Other updates and AOB	<p>JC enquired about police budget for tree planting in the London Road area.</p> <p>PM is of the opinion that this group is not treated seriously. Invites are last minute, and there is a consistent shortage of officers.</p> <p>PM suggested that the AQ group needs an AQ project to work on, contenders could be a Public Awareness Campaign or a Town Electric Bus</p> <p>Jasper (via PM) advised that there is a Citizen's Climate Lobby in Devizes, meeting on the last Tuesday of the month.</p>	PE to contact the chair of Devizes Area Board
Next meeting	No date was set at this meeting, but next date will be when officers from Passenger Transport can attend.	