

Devizes Air Quality Steering Group

Overall objective/outcome of the group:

To work together with the common goal of seeking to improve the air quality in Devizes through behavioural, strategic and infrastructure change to ensure that the level of pollutants (nitrogen dioxide and particulates (PM10)) are in line with national air quality objectives and that this work supports the principles of sustainable development.

Purpose of the group:

To oversee the development and implementation of an effective local Air Quality Action Plan for Devizes Town.

Terms of Reference:

- The Devizes Air Quality Steering Group (the Group) will work together to ensure the development and implementation of the air quality action plan. Membership will comprise of officers of Wiltshire Council, community representatives and elected Councillors (see Membership below). The group will co-opt other members onto the group as and when considered necessary and appropriate.
- Governance arrangements for the Group will sit with Members of the Area Board – the Group itself will have no voting rights. The Group will make recommendations to the Area Board as and when decisions are required (including commissioning decisions) and will report the progress of its work to Members by means of updates at future Area Board meetings as appropriate.
- The Group will use the air quality data from the current monitoring regime to provide an objective framework for monitoring and for guiding its actions and recommendations, focusing on those areas with greatest exceedence with regard to air quality objectives.
- The Group will focus activity within the town of Devizes addressing the existing Air Quality Management Area and aligning with the Transport Strategy. However the Group accepts that this will not fetter activity elsewhere in the Board area if this achieves the overall objective of the Group.
- The Group will endeavour to work within and complement existing national and local policy frameworks such as the UK climate change strategy, Wiltshire Air Quality Strategy, Local Transport Plan, Devizes Community Area Plan, Wiltshire Core Strategy, etc
- The Group will explore any funding opportunities and recommend any commissioning decisions to Members of the Area Board.
- In order to inform its action plan the Group will assess the work already completed or on progress across the town with regard to air quality

