

Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

18 February 2014

Report of the joint Air Quality Task Group

Purpose of report

- 1 To present the report of the Air Quality Task Group, seek endorsement for the recommendations and refer them to relevant Cabinet members for response.

Background

- 2 The Environment Select Committee had held a longstanding interest in the development of the Council's Air Quality Strategy and in August 2012. Having received a report on how a more holistic approach to tackling good air quality could be achieved, it suggested that the topic should also be considered by the Health Select Committee as it was not possible to separate 'cause and effect' of poor air quality.
- 3 The joint Air Quality Task Group was formed in August 2012 to review and scrutinise the implementation of the Air Quality strategic objectives and action plan and the effectiveness of Council Services working together holistically to ensure that respective service contributions are embedded within service delivery plans. Following the elections in May 2013, the Task Group reformed with some changes to its membership.

Main considerations

- 4 The Task Group was satisfied with the progress made in respect of the 17 items listed in the Action Plan of the Air Quality Strategy. It was also reassured that key services across the Council were working together to ensure that respective service contributions were embedded within service delivery plans and that they were effective in supporting the improvement of air quality across Wiltshire.
- 5 The Committee is asked to consider the attached report of the Air Quality Task Group and endorse its recommendations.

Proposal

To endorse the recommendations in paragraph 26 and refer the report to the relevant Cabinet members for response.

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