

Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny

Date of Meeting: 12 November 2018

Report Title: Cheshire East 2018 Annual Status Report

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Ainsley Arnold – Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Regeneration

Senior Officer: Frank Jordan – Executive Director Place and Acting Deputy Chief Executive

1. Report Summary

- 1.1. To update the Committee on the review of the Council's 2018 Annual Status Report, the purpose of the report is to ensure Members are aware of the report before submission to DEFRA and to provide comments as appropriate.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. To note the report and to provide feedback for the Portfolio Holder to consider.

3. Reason for Recommendation

- 3.1. To ensure Members are kept up to date with the Council's Air Quality Annual Status Report to DEFRA.

4. Other Options Considered

- 4.1. Not applicable.

5. Background

- 5.1 The 2018 Annual Status Report (ASR) provides an overview of air quality in Cheshire East during 2017 and it fulfils the requirements of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) placed on the Council as set out in Part IV of

the Environment Act (1995) and the relevant DEFRA Policy and Technical Guidance documents.

- 5.2 The LAQM process places an obligation on all local authorities to regularly review and assess air quality in their areas, and to determine whether or not the air quality objectives are likely to be achieved. Where an exceedance is considered likely the local authority must declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and prepare an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) setting out the measures it intends to put in place in pursuit of the objectives.
- 5.3 The Annual Status Report (ASR) is an annual requirement setting out results of monitoring, strategies employed by Cheshire East Borough Council to improve air quality and any progress with regards to actions contained in the Council's AQAP.
- 5.4 To date the Council has completed all of the previous air quality submissions to DEFRA, and they have all been approved. This ASR responds to the comments provided by DEFRA to the 2017 ASR, 2017 monitoring results and an update regarding any new Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) as recommended in the 2017 report.
- 5.5 The 2018 ASR, recommends that a further two AQMA's are declared for a small area of Chelford Road, Knutsford and part of Lewin Street, Middlewich. Whilst modelling data has suggested there may not be a need to declare these areas, the Council is taking the precautionary approach and declaring based on the monitoring data.
- 5.6 It should also be noted that the Council has decided that this year the final draft report should be reviewed by an external consultant. This was undertaken by Bureau Veritas and their comments, will be incorporated in to the final report.

6. Implications of the Recommendations

Legal Implications

- 6.1. Part IV of the Environment Act 1995, requires all local authorities to review and assess air quality within its area and this report fulfils this requirement.

Finance Implications

- 6.2. The report has been completed in house, but a review has been undertaken by an external consultant, which has been funded from within existing budgets. As this is a status report it does not have any direct financial consequences.

Policy Implications

- 6.3. No direct Policy implications arising from this report.

Equality Implications

- 6.4. No direct equality implications arising from this report.

Human Resources Implications

- 6.5. No direct human resources implications arising from this report.

Risk Management Implications

- 6.6. No direct risk management implications arising from this report. The report ensures the Council meets with statutory requirements under the Environment Act 1995.

Rural Communities Implications

- 6.7. There are no direct implications for rural communities.

Implications for Children & Young People

- 6.8. There are no direct implications for children and young people.

Public Health Implications

- 6.9. The implementation of the Action Plan aims to improve public health.

7. Ward Members Affected

- 7.1. All.

8. Access to Information

- 8.1. The background papers relating to this report are in Appendix 1.

9. Contact Information

- 9.1. Any questions relating to this report should be directed to the following officer:

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10. Version Control

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