

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL AIR QUALITY ANNUAL STATUS REPORT 2018

Direct and Trading Advisory Committee - 3 July 2018

Report of	Chief Officer Environmental & Operational Services
Status	For Information
Key Decision	No

This report supports the Key Aim of: a clean local environment

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Recommendation to Direct and Trading Advisory Committee:

That members consider the 2018 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) and note the results of Air Quality Monitoring undertaken in 2017.

Reason for recommendation: This report fulfils the requirements of Local Air Quality Management as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995), the Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland 2007 and the relevant Policy and Technical Guidance documents and is for information only.

Introduction and Background

- 1 The District Council is required to produce an Annual Status Report as part of its obligations under Local Air Quality Management.
- 2 This report collates Air Quality Monitoring data obtained in 2017 from 3 Automatic Monitoring Sites (Greatness, Bat & Ball & Sevenoaks Quarry) and 50 non-automatic (passive) locations.
- 3 Data is compared to national objective levels
- 4 In 2017, monitoring shows a fall in Annual Mean NO₂ concentrations at all monitoring locations (except DT48- London Road, Sevenoaks). These reductions follow a trend of reducing NO₂ levels over the past 5 years.
- 5 At seven monitoring locations, NO₂ levels have fallen below national objective levels having been above them in 2016. Whilst caution must be exercised, and reductions in NO₂ may result from favourable climatic conditions if these trends continue the District Council may be able to

consider the revocation or modification of the existing Air Quality Management Areas.

- 6 There have been no breaches of the national objective for PM₁₀ (fine particulates) at any of our monitoring locations.
- 7 In July 2015, following a complaint from a resident the District Council commence monitoring of PM₁₀ at Sevenoaks Quarry. In 2017 there were no exceedances of the objective level at this location and so the site will now be closed.
- 8 The results of monitoring are presented within the '2018 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) within appendix 1.

Other Options Considered and/or Rejected

None

Key Implications

Financial

None

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

As detailed in the reasons for recommendation

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Appendices

Appendix A - 2018 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR)

Background Papers

None

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