

## **Item 9 - Air Quality Action Plan Consultation Summary and Request to Adopt**

The attached report was considered by the Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee on 19 April 2022. The relevant Minute extract is below.

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The Environmental Health Manager presented the report which updated the Committee on the outcome of the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) 2022-2027 consultation and updated the draft air quality action plan.

Appropriate amendments had been made to the draft AQAP to reflect comments made by stakeholders. Throughout the consultation period, social media was used to promote the consultation including the use of paid promotion.

The District Council received 27 responses to its consultation. A response was received from DEFRA on 18 March 2022 and the AQAP had been amended to reflect these comments.

Members were asked to note that the Air Quality Action Plan was a working document and would be subject to regular revision and update. A dedicated Air Quality Officer had been recruited to support the Environmental Health Team in this regard.

Council would be asked to agree delegated authority for the Environmental Health Manager in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to sign off future updates, amendments and revisions of the Air Quality Action Plan to ensure it remained relevant and effective.

Members noted that minor typographical errors were present in the report.

Members asked questions of clarification.

It was confirmed that further detailed assessment of Air Quality in Swanley was due to take place shortly thereafter and that this may generate additional measures specific to Swanley. The AQAP would be reviewed and updated annually as part of the Annual Status Report (ASR). The ASR would be submitted to DEFRA at the end of June and an update would be brought to the Committee when available.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that

- (a) the results of the statutory consultation be noted;
- (b) the proposed changes made to the draft Air Quality Action Plan be noted; and
- (c) it be recommended to Council to support the adoption of the Air Quality Action Plan