

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 12 January 2023

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
15/12/22	Housing & Green Environment	Air Quality Action Plan	1) That, with particular reference to the Millbrook Road monitoring site, a summary is provided to the Committee outlining how the annualised pollution figures are amended to reflect background factors.	Details of the technical data ratification process and their relevance to this monitoring location are being collated and will be made available for the next OSMC meeting in February	In progress
			2) That, to help inform actions and decisions, the Executive consider opportunities to develop understanding of the impact that home working and hybrid working is having on pollution levels in the city.	Details are being collated and will be made available for the next OSMC meeting in February.	In progress
			3) That the requirement for ongoing stakeholder engagement is reflected in the new Air Quality Action Plan.	<p>The Council recognises that it has a limited sphere of control and influence over activities in the city and that ongoing stakeholder engagement is vital to delivering air quality improvements.</p> <p>As such, stakeholder engagement features heavily in the Air Quality Action Plan, namely in the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with University Hospital Southampton to support their new 'Green Plan'. • Investigate implementing a freight quality partnership for key operators as part of a wider Green City programme. • Continue to support The Port of Southampton in delivering their Cleaner Air for Southampton strategy, including investigating more opportunities for shore-side power. • Continue to work with the city's universities to integrate expertise and new research into measures. 	Completed

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for more frequent train services through Southampton and work with National Rail to encourage more travel within the city. • Promote benefits of flexible and home working within SCC and partner organisations. • Encourage lift sharing schemes for workplaces. <p>This builds on top of existing work delivered through the Transport team, notably the Workplace Travel Planners network which actively engages the city's major employers and works with them to encourage modal shift in their commuting and operational journeys.</p> <p>On this basis, it is considered that the AQAP, as presented, adequately reflects our stakeholder engagement activities. It is accepted that over the 5 year life span of the this Plan, further opportunities are likely to emerge. For that reason, there is a recommendation that the Plan is adopted with delegated powers that will allow updates and amendments to be made, ensuring the Plan is able to reflect the latest opportunities available.</p>	
			4) That details are provided to the Committee on the potential options that are being considered to improve the layout of Shirley High Street to reduce congestion and improve air quality (Action 50).	Details are being collated and will be made available for the next OSMC meeting in February.	In progress
			5) That an overview of the uptake and geographical distribution of the home energy efficiency scheme, managed by The Environment Centre, is circulated to the Committee (Action 10).	The Environment Centre have been approached for this information and are collating a response which we anticipate will be available for the next OSMC meeting in February.	In progress

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15/12/22	Finance & Change	Scrutiny of the Council's Financial Position	1) That the Executive commit to communicating proposals to councillors in advance of them appearing in the media.		
			2) That the detail within the email sent by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Change to the Shadow Cabinet Member for Finance, relating to the £17.05m of draft savings proposals identified for 2023/24, are circulated to the Committee.	Circulated to the Committee on 04/01/23	Completed