

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Executive

4 December 2019

TITLE:	Air Quality Monitoring Action Plan Update on the AQMA Woodhead Road (A628) Tintwistle
EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR:	Councillor Todd Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and Community Safety
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WARDS INVOLVED:	Tintwistle and all Wards

Appendix A Draft Action Plan

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 To enable the Executive to review and comment on the Action Plan for the Air Quality Management Area on part of the Woodhead Road (A628), Tintwistle.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Executive notes the contents of the report.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 This report outlines the actions that High Peak Borough Council will deliver between 2019-2023 in order to reduce concentrations of air pollutants and exposure to air pollution; thereby positively impacting on the health and quality of life of residents and visitors to the High Peak.
- 3.2 The Environment Act 1995 places a duty on the Council to regularly review air quality within its boundaries against a number of national air quality objectives. The objectives are human health based standards, seeking to protect the most vulnerable in society, i.e. the very young, the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions. Locations adjacent to the Borough's busiest roads have been found to have pollution levels above the national annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). The Council currently has one declared Air Quality

Management Area (AQMA), on part of the Woodhead Road, Tintwistle, which is in place due to non-compliance with the national annual mean air quality objective for nitrogen dioxide, a road traffic related pollutant.

- 3.3 Where an exceedance of the objectives is found to be likely, the 1995 Act requires the local authority to declare an Air Quality Management Area covering, as a minimum, all those areas where the objective is likely to be breached.
- 3.4 The Act does not prescribe any timescale for preparing an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP), however, the Government expects them to be completed within 12-18 months following the designation of any AQMA. The prime responsibility for preparing the submitting the AQAP rests with the Council, however, there is a requirement on other relevant stakeholders to collaborate with HPBC to identify proposals in pursuit of the Air Quality Strategy (AQS) objectives within their respective responsibilities and functions.

4. **How this report links to Corporate Priorities**

- 4.1 Supporting our communities to create a healthier, safer, cleaner High Peak.

5. **Alternative Options**

- 5.1 There are no alternative options to consider, the Authority is required by law to produce an action plan once an area has been declared. The Committee may comment on the contents of the AQAP.

6. **Implications**

6.1 Community Safety

There are no Community Safety issues arising from this report.

6.2 Workforce

An existing pollution post has been converted to a full time post to support this work.

6.3 Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Councils Diversity and Equality Policies.

6.4 Financial Considerations

There are no initial financial implications arising from this report. Dependent on the final actions additional funding may be needed if appropriate grants are not available or secured.

6.5 Legal

The Council has a statutory duty to manage Air Quality in its area, having declared an AQMA the Authority must implement the action plan, and failure to do so may result in legal action being taken against the authority.

6.6 Sustainability

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

6.7 Internal and External Consultation

None relevant to this report.

6.8 Risk Assessment

It is a statutory requirement that the Council assess air quality and takes action where appropriate.

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**Web Links and
Background Papers**

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