

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment
Date	7 August 2017
Present	Councillor Waller

8. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Member was asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests which he had in the business on the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

9. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 3 July 2017 be approved as a correct record and then signed by the Executive Member.

10. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been two registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Dave Merrett spoke in relation to item 4 of the agenda (Air Quality – Annual Status Report) and raised a number of questions and concerns regarding whether the clean air strategy was on track for delivery in 2018.

Councillor D'Agorne also spoke in relation to item 4 of the agenda (Air Quality – Annual Status Report) in his capacity as a ward councillor. He presented and endorsed a Petition for a Clean Air Zone in York from York Green Party. The Democracy Officer undertook to forward the petition to the Public Protection Manager and Sustainable Transport Manager, to whom the petition was addressed.

Councillor D'Agorne raised a number of concerns regarding the clean air zone, highlighting his view that the Contract Natural Gas (CNG) refuelling infrastructure (and freight consolidation centre) had made no progress.

11. Air Quality - Annual Status Report

The Executive Member considered a report that provided an update on air quality in York, following submission of the 2017 Annual Status Report to DEFRA in June 2017. Officers gave a brief overview of the report, updating the Executive Member on the progress of the three Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) where the health based national air quality objectives for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) had previously been found to be exceeded.

In answer to the Executive Member's questions officers confirmed:

- It had not been possible to attract an investor to the CNG refuelling and infrastructure and freight delivery sites.
- Emissions standards for hackney carriages had been introduced earlier in the year
- 14% of taxis were low emission vehicles.
- Air quality had been considered as part of the Local Plan
- A number of actions had been undertaken as part of the low emission strategy.

Following consideration of the two options, the Executive Member thanked Officers and suggested that the revocation of the Salisbury Terrace AQMA (Order No.3) be approved with the requirement of current levels of monitoring at Salisbury Terrace to be reported in future annual reports.

Resolved:

- i. That the report be noted.
- ii. That the revocation of the Salisbury Terrace AQMA (Order No.3) be approved by the Executive Member whilst requiring the current levels of monitoring at Salisbury Terrace to be reported in future annual reports.

Reason: Historical nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) monitoring results have been consistently below the health based annual mean objective for this pollutant since 2013.

12. Food Service Plan

The Food Service Plan 2017/18 was presented to the Executive Member. The Public Protection Manager advised that the Council was required to produce an annual food service plan to satisfy the statutory requirements within the Food Law Code of Practice which was overseen by the Food Standards Agency (FSA).

The Executive Member was provided with an overview of the report and it was noted that additional monitoring would be provided during the year.

The Executive Member considered the three options and it was

Resolved: That the food service plan be approved.

Reason: This will ensure that the council has a plan to fulfil its obligations under the Food Law Code of Practice.

Cllr A Waller, Executive Member
[The meeting started at 5.30pm and finished at 6.15pm].