

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**HIGHWAYS AND NEIGHBOURHOODS
CABINET MEMBER**

AIR QUALITY PROGRESS REPORT 2014

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the 2014 Draft Progress Report sent to DEFRA on 6 November 2014.
- 1.2 To tell members about the Progress Report and get approval to carry out consultation.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The council must carry out a review of pollution every year. Industrial, domestic and traffic sources are compared with limits for seven major pollutants.
- 2.2 Technical Guidance LAQM.TG(09) issued by DEFRA in April 2009 was used to write this report.
- 2.3 The Progress Report for 2014 shows that dust levels in Scunthorpe and Santon are still high. The two Air Quality Management Areas that have been declared for dust should remain.
- 2.4 Data shows that schemes in the Santon area have successfully reduced levels of dust in this area.
- 2.5 Monitoring locations on the eastern side of Scunthorpe have shown no recent improvement in the amount of dust. This area will now be prioritised for improvement schemes.
- 2.6 The council will continue to put in place the actions in the Air Quality Action Plan. The plan aims to reduce the effect of steel making on air quality in Scunthorpe. The council will work with local industry and the Environment Agency to achieve this.
- 2.7 Levels of Nitrogen Dioxide at South Killingholme are monitored. After 12 months we shall undertake a detailed assessment to determine if an Air Quality Objective is being breached.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 To approve the draft report allowing for consultation of the Progress Report.

3.2 To not approve the draft report.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Approving the draft report will make sure that we meet our legal duty as set out in the guidance. We must consult on our reports as this enables interested parties to contribute to the report and raises the profile of air quality issues.

4.2 The council may be challenged if the report is not approved.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 The council has seen a big increase in the statutory work that it must carry out on air quality in recent years. The council must carry out either an Updating and Screening Assessment or a Progress Report each year until 2017. We must declare an air quality management area if air quality is poor.

5.2 This work is a statutory function.

5.3 Poor air quality is bad for human health. The Environmental Health (Commercial) team seeks to make real environmental improvements in North Lincolnshire.

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

6.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment was completed. There are no significant issues to highlight.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.1 The organisations listed in Appendix 1 will be consulted on the report. Policy guidance suggests that only limited consultation is necessary at this stage and should focus on statutory consultees.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the Cabinet Member agrees to consult with the organisations shown within Appendix 1.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report – Integrated Impact
Assessment

APPENDIX 1

Statutory Consultees

Environment Agency
Highways Agency
North East Lincolnshire Council
Doncaster MBC
Kingston upon Hull City Council
East Riding of Yorkshire Council
West Lindsey Council
East Lindsey Council
Bassetlaw District Council
Tata UK Ltd
Harsco Ltd
Singleton Birch Ltd
Cemex Ltd
Centrica Killingholme Power Station
E-on UK, Killingholme
Conoco Global Heat & Power
Total Ltd - Lindsey Oil Refinery
Conoco Phillips Ltd – Humber Refinery
Selected Part B processes with emissions of relevant pollutants
Public consultation via Internet
NLC Development Control
NLC Spatial Planning