

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**GOVERNANCE AND TRANSFORMATION
CABINET MEMBER**

AIR QUALITY ANNUAL STATUS REPORT 2016

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the 2016 Annual Status Report sent to DEFRA on 14 July 2016.
- 1.2 To agree to carry out consultation and publish the final document.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The council must carry out a review of pollution every year. Industrial, domestic and traffic sources must be compared with limits for major pollutants. DEFRA guidance was used to write this report.
- 2.2 The Annual Status Report for 2016 shows that there were no breaches of air quality objectives in 2015. Data shows that schemes in the Santon area have proven successful in reducing levels of dust in this area. Monitoring locations on the eastern side of Scunthorpe have shown very little recent improvement in the amount of dust and this area will now be prioritised for improvement schemes.
- 2.3 The council will review the current Air Quality Action Plan to ensure it contains effective measures to reduce the impact of steel making on air quality in Scunthorpe. The council will work with local industry and the Environment Agency to achieve this.
- 2.4 DEFRA now require the council to monitor and report on fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}). The council will install a monitor to achieve this.
- 2.5 A detailed assessment is being prepared to determine if we need to retain the two Air Quality Management Areas.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 To accept the draft report, consult and produce a final report.

3.2 Not to approve the draft report.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Approving the draft report will ensure that we meet our legal duty as set out in the guidance. Consulting on the report will enable interested parties to contribute to the report. Consulting on the report raises the profile of our work.

4.2 If consultation does not take place and the report is not approved the council could be challenged.

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 prepare an air quality report every year. We must declare an air quality management area if air quality is poor.

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

6.1 The integrated impact assessment has not identified any issues.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.1 The organisations listed in Appendix 1 will be consulted on the report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Approval is given to consult.

8.2 Relevant feedback is incorporated into the report and officers produce the final document for publication.

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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
British Steel Ltd
Harsco Ltd
Singleton Birch Ltd
Cemex Ltd
Centrica Killingholme Power Station
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
NLC Public Health