

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**SAFER, GREENER AND CLEANER PLACES
CABINET MEMBER**

**DETAILED ASSESSMENT OF PM₁₀ AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS
REPORT 2016**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To update members on the Detailed Assessment Report following submission to DEFRA.
- 1.2 To obtain approval to carry out consultation and publish the final report.
- 1.3 To consult regarding the recommendations to change the AQMAs.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 On 12 December 2016 it was agreed that the Detailed Assessment Report presented to the Cabinet Member should be submitted to DEFRA.
- 2.2 DEFRA have approved the report recommendations. The report concluded
 - i) Low Santon AQMA should be revoked
 - ii) Scunthorpe Town AQMA should be reduced in size.
- 2.3 Consultation on air quality reports is a requirement of The Environment Act 1995.
- 2.4 DEFRA guidance states that local authorities should also consult for proposed AQMA changes.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 To consult on the revised report and the recommendations to change the two existing AQMA's.
- 3.2 To do nothing.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 We must consult on our reports and AQMA proposals; this allows interested parties to add their comments and raises the profile of our work.

4.2 The council could be criticised for not meeting a statutory obligation.

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

5.1 The council continues to be proactive on all air quality work within existing resources. The council has seen a big increase in the air quality work that it must carry out in the last few years. The council must prepare an air quality report every year and must declare an AQMA if air quality is poor. We must produce an Action Plan to improve air quality if an AQMA is declared.

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

6.1 The IIA has not shown any issues.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.1 Internal consultation has taken place on the draft report and its recommendations.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Approval is given to consulting with the bodies in Appendix 1 and with the public via the council website on the recommendations to change the existing AQMA's.

8.2 That the report is updated following consultation.

8.3 A further report is presented to members to approve the revised / revoked AQMA's.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –

Integrated Impact Assessment

Detailed Assessment of the Scunthorpe Town and Low Santon PM₁₀ Air Quality Management Areas Report 2016

DEFRA Detailed Assessment Appraisal Report reference DA5-106

DEFRA Local Air Quality Management Policy Guidance PG16

APPENDIX 1

Statutory Consultees

Public Health England

Environment Agency

Highways Agency

North East Lincolnshire Council

West Lindsey Council

East Lindsey Council

Bassetlaw District Council

East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council

Public consultation via Internet