

Report of	Record of	Date
Director (Communities) (Introduced by Executive Member (Early Intervention))	Executive Member Decision	20 October 2022

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## Clean Air Strategy Review

### Purpose of the Report

1. To provide an overview and update of the Clean Air Strategy and consultation responses.

### Recommendations

2. To agree the changes and release the Clean Air Strategy to the public.

### Reasons for recommendations

3. To provide updated information regarding the Air Quality work of Chorley Council.

### Other options considered and rejected

4. N/A

### Corporate priorities

5. The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

<b>Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all</b>	A strong local economy
<b>Clean, safe and healthy communities</b>	<b>An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area</b>

### Background to the report

6. The Chorley Clean Air Strategy sets out a clear picture of the current state of air quality and monitoring practices in Chorley, our legal obligations as a council in monitoring air quality and the legislation which governs this.
7. To support the development of the Clean Air Strategy a public consultation exercise was undertaken on Citizen Space from the 11<sup>th</sup> of June to the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 and received 228 responses. The responses have been incorporated into the updated Clean Air Strategy.

## **Clean Air Strategy Update**

8. A dedicated Air Quality Officer joined the Council in January 2022, this has combined the air quality work programme into one role and will help to achieve the proposed actions listed in the Clean Air Strategy.
9. The Clean Air Strategy has been updated to consider work completed over the previous 12 months, to identify new actions, improve accessibility and to incorporate results from the Clean Air consultation.
10. Since the initial draft of the Clean Air Strategy, Chorley Council has launched a separate Climate Change strategy. There is some crossover between the Air Quality Strategy and the Climate Change strategy as well as other corporate priorities. Therefore, for consistency and accountability some actions have been reviewed and incorporated elsewhere.
11. Results from the Clean Air Strategy Public Consultation have been reviewed and integrated into the updated Clean Air Strategy.
12. The previous action plan has been refreshed to update the milestones and introduce new targets to build upon the consultation and work already completed.

## **Climate change and air quality**

13. The work noted in this report has an overall positive impact on the Council's Carbon emissions and the wider Climate Emergency and sustainability targets of the Council.
14. In particular the report impacts on the following activities:
  - a. net carbon zero by 2030,
  - b. energy use / renewable energy sources
  - c. sustainable forms of transport,
  - d. air quality,
  - e. green areas and biodiversity.

## **Equality and diversity**

15. Accessibility has been considered during the report writing, with respect to colour choice and image alternative text for screen readers. There are no equality and diversity considerations in this report for the proposed actions as these will be considered via an EIA for those works.

## **Risk**

16. No risks associated with this report, as it is an update to a previously publicly available document.

## **Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer**

17. There are no direct financial implications of this report.

## **Comments of the Monitoring Officer**

18. No comments.

## Background documents

Senior Management Team Report 15.06.2022 Clean Air Strategy Review

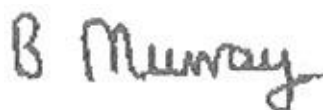
## Appendices

List the appendices in the order that they are attached to the report with titles as appropriate. Any spreadsheets/diagrams should be in pdf format and be headed up.

Appendix A - Updated Clean Air Strategy 2022

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Following careful consideration and assessment of the contents of this report, I approve the recommendation(s) contained in Paragraph 2 of the report in accordance with my delegated power to make executive decisions.



Councillor Bev Murray  
Executive Member for Early Intervention

Dated 20/10/22

This decision will come into force and may be implemented five working days after its publication date, subject to being called in in accordance with the Council's Constitution.