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Air Quality Action Plan – A Brief Update

LCR Combined Authority
Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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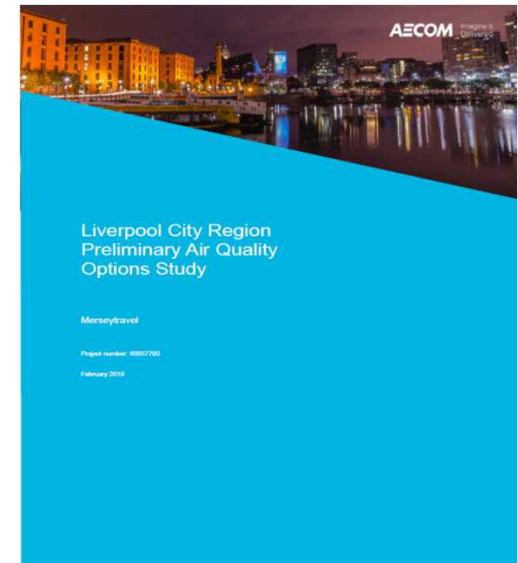


Quick Recap

- **January 2018** – Combined Authority’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee established a Task & Finish Group on Air Quality.
- **June 2018** – recommendations welcomed by Combined Authority and is now being implemented.
- Overview & Scrutiny Committee has requested regular updates.
- Profile of air quality issues continues to grow at national and Liverpool City Region level.

Where are we and our partners up to?

- Preliminary transport feasibility study on Air Quality commissioned last year (AECOM).
- Additional feasibility work commissioned by Combined Authority Spatial Planning team on non-transport pollution sources.
- Task Force members formally appointed
 - High level and excellent spread of interests
 - First meeting to be **26th March**
- LCC mandated by Defra to develop options to manage air pollution exceedances – strategic outline business case developed



Week-long air quality monitoring to take place in city



Ongoing Commitments

- Combined Authority's Air Quality Action Plan
 - Intrinsically linked to feasibility studies and more recent Liverpool City Council Defra options development work
 - To be brought back to Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration
- Other deliverables, e.g.
 - Development of proposals for Liverpool City Region-wide cycle network and Green Bus Routes via £172m Transforming Cities Fund
 - Proposals for new smart ticketing portal
 - Developing options for hydrogen fuels in conjunction with Merseytravel and bus operators
 - Delivery of Liverpool City Centre Connectivity Schemes
 - New Merseyrail Rolling Stock



Awareness raising & engagement

Aims

- Support the National Year of Action
- Help deliver the Greenest UK city region
- Highlight the economic contribution the environment provides
- Increase children and young people's connection to nature
- Showcase outstanding blue green assets of the Liverpool City Region
- Celebrate and promote the range of environmental organisations
- Encourage a range of practical actions that inspire
- Use 2019 as a catalyst for ongoing positive environmental behaviour

Themes for activities:

- A) Air Quality
- B) Climate Change and Resilience
- C) Green Spaces, Habitats and Biodiversity
- D) Connecting and Engaging with Nature
- E) Health and Wellbeing
- F) Sustainable Energy
- G) Reduce Waste
- H) Water



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With thousands of premature deaths linked to toxic air each year and children’s lung development stunted, bold action on clean air is vital. This week we brought together city leaders from across the country to raise the alarm. @UK100_ @UNICEF_uk
#LetLondonBreathe #LoveCleanAir

**METRO MAYORS LOBBY FOR
NEW CLEAN AIR ACT**



6:26 am - 16 Feb 2019

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Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

Policy paper

Environment Bill: policy paper

Published 19 December 2018

A strengthened framework on air quality is one key aspect of this strategy that will help us deliver benefits for human health, the environment and the economy at national and local level. We will expect central government, local government and other public bodies to drive forward continuous improvement in air quality, focusing on measures that have the greatest benefits for public health. This will include ensuring local authorities have easier-to-use powers to tackle air pollution.



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