

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY DECISION MEETING

THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST 2015 AT 10AM

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AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Declaration of Members' Interests**
- 3 **Assessment of Air Quality (Pages 1 - 216)**

Purpose.

In 2013, with the aid of funding from DEFRA (Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs), Environmental Health and officers from the Transport and Environment Service carried out an ambitious city wide project named

ORTMCS (Optimisation of Road Traffic Management Control Systems (ORTMCS) to understand and qualify the impact that local road traffic management control systems has on local road traffic congestion and the resultant levels of air pollution it causes.

This pioneering desk top study, took the form of a set of complex feasibility studies focused on testing ways to regulate and improve road traffic fluidity management to achieve an improvement in local air quality without creating new air pollution hotspots.

Following completion of the project in 2015 the results of ORTMCS have been used to complete a Detailed Assessment of air quality for submission to DEFRA in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act 1995.

Following the declaration of 13 Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) in 2005 as a result of levels of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) above those prescribed by the National Air Quality Objectives (NAQO) and the revocation of seven of these areas in 2010, the information obtained from ORTMCS has enabled PCC to publish the first assessment of air quality in Portsmouth since 2011.

The conclusions reached therefore have some considerable significance in relation to the council meeting its objective, as set out with the 2010 Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP), to deliver cleaner air across the city and to target the 'hotspot' areas where pollution is highest.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety:

- 1. Acknowledge the conclusions reached in respect to ORTMCS and how changes in the management of traffic control systems could improve air quality. Appendix 1;**
- 2. Acknowledge the conclusions reached in respect to the Detailed Assessment of air quality in Portsmouth and approves its submission to DEFRA. Appendix 2;**
- 3. Acknowledge the need to continue to review and assess the quality of air in Portsmouth in accordance with statutory requirements and adequately resource our ability to validate the modelled conclusions of ORTMCS with monitored data.**

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