

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

Tuesday, 26 February 2019

PRESENT: Councillor M Gannon

Councillors: C Donovan, J Adams, M Brain, A Douglas,
J McElroy and M McNestry

C145 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Foy, L Green and G Haley.

C146 AIR QUALITY PLAN FOR GATESHEAD, NEWCASTLE AND NORTH TYNESIDE

Consideration has been given to a proposed response to the Secretary of State's legal direction dated 27 July 2017, requiring Gateshead, Newcastle and North Tyneside Councils to produce a feasibility study to identify the option which will deliver compliance with legal limits for nitrogen dioxide in the Councils' administrative areas in the shortest possible time. It sets out the issues faced in developing this study within constrained timescales set by government and recognises that decisions of this magnitude should not be taken without due consideration of the impact on specific and more vulnerable communities and therefore consideration has also been given to consultation taking place with the public and stakeholders on the potential measures to be implemented.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the submission of the Outline Business Case, as set out in the annex to the report, to the Government's Joint Air Quality Unit, thereby meeting the requirements of the Secretary of State's legal direction of 27 July 2017 be approved.
 - (ii) That consultation take place with the public and stakeholders on the potential measures to be implemented to deliver compliance with legal limits for nitrogen dioxide in the Council's administrative area in the shortest possible time and that the consultation will take place during a pre-election period.
 - (iii) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport be authorised to approve the final form of the appropriate consultation materials.
 - (iv) That officers be authorised to undertake further detailed analysis of a range of measures that might be implemented including non-charging measures and, where appropriate, those highlighted as a result of the consultation process, in order to inform a final decision as to which measures to implement.

- (v) That it be noted responses received as a result of the consultation process will be considered and further analysis will be undertaken, to feed into the preparation of a Full Business Case, which will then subject to Cabinet approval at that time and submission to government.
- (vi) That it be noted Newcastle City and North Tyneside Councils have been asked to approve cabinet reports with the same recommendations.

The above decisions have been made for the following reasons:

- (A) To fulfil the legal direction from the Secretary of State dated July 2017.
- (B) To enable further consideration of options with a view to improving air quality in Gateshead, Newcastle and North Tyneside.

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