

Report of the Chief Executive

AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for an Air Quality Action Plan, and for its subsequent inclusion in the Climate Change and Green Futures Action Plan.

2. Detail

Each year, the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) requires all local authorities in England to produce an Annual Status Report (ASR) in respect of air quality. The production of an ASR is intended to aid local transparency, increase accessibility of air quality to the wider public audience and encourage buy-in to delivering air quality improvement measures by those best placed to assist (e.g. directors of public health, transport managers etc.) The format of the report is specified by DEFRA.

Broxtowe's ASRs are approved by this Committee before submission. The Committee is advised of the feedback we receive from DEFRA.

Although the Annual Status Report makes reference to many actions to improve the air quality of the borough, many of these are the responsibility of partner agencies. Members therefore requested the production of a separate plan which contained actions which Broxtowe Borough Council itself could take in order to bring about improvements to air quality.

The proposed Action Plan is included at the appendix.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE to:

(1) APPROVE the Air Quality Action Plan

(2) APPROVE the inclusion of the Air Quality Action Plan into the Air Quality strand of the Climate Change and Green Futures Action Plan.

Background papers

Nil