

Report of the Chief Executive

AIR QUALITY STATUS REPORT 20211. Purpose of report

To advise Members of, and to seek approval for, the latest Air Quality Status Report which is to be submitted to the Department of Food Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

2. Detail

Each year, 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.

The latest Annual Status Report to be submitted by Broxtowe Borough Council is attached as an appendix. There are currently some incomplete sections but this is due to a change in the requirements from DEFRA, advice on which wasn't received until late April. Also, the bias correction factors aren't released until June.

Some of the positive aspects contained in the report include the following:

- The 2020 nitrogen dioxide results show that the air quality levels are below the objective of $40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for all of the monitoring locations throughout the Borough.
- Broxtowe Borough Council has produced an additional Air Quality Report "Improving the Air We Breathe" in 2020. The report details 41 measures that the Council can implement to improve the Air Quality within the Borough. 31 of these are new measures were devised in 2020. These measures are additional to the measures that are undertaken by Nottinghamshire County Council and Highways England who are responsible for the roads within the borough.
- Despite the Covid-19 Lockdowns and Restrictions the Council have continued to monitor the air quality and meet the recommended data capture set by Defra.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the 2021 Air Quality Status Report for submission to DEFRA be approved.

Background papers

Nil