

Report of the Chief Executive

AIR QUALITY STATUS REPORT 20201. 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. Some of the positive aspects contained in the report include the following:

- The 2019 nitrogen dioxide results show that the air quality levels are below the objective of 40µg/m³ for all of the monitoring locations throughout the Borough.
- Broxtowe Part 2 of the Local Plan (2018-2028), was adopted in 2019, which includes Policy 20 on Air Quality and Policy 26 that requires a Travel Plan to be submitted with any planning application for 10 or more dwellings or 1,000 square metres or more floor space.
- Broxtowe Borough Council's Cycle to Work Scheme – to assist and give tax relief on bike purchases for employees of the council. Nine employees used this scheme in 2019.
- Broxtowe Borough Council purchased two new Euro 6 vehicles in 2019 / 20.
- Broxtowe Borough Council procured two electric vans in 2019 /20.

Recommendation

Committee is asked to APPROVE the 2020 Air Quality Status Report for submission to DEFRA.

Background papers

Nil