AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT: PROTECTING HEALTH AND ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE

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PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the adoption of the Air Quality Management Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

2. The SPD has been prepared to support the implementation of Burnley's Local Plan. It has been the subject of formal statutory consultation. Once adopted, it will become a material consideration to be used in the determination of relevant applications.

RECOMMENDATION

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(1) That Executive adopt the Air Quality Management SPD attached at Appendix A.

(2) That the Strategic Head of Economy and Growth be authorised by the Executive to make any minor typographical corrections to the draft SPD required prior to its publication.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

4. To meet the Council's commitment to preparing an Air Quality SPD as set out in Burnley's Local Plan and the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS).

5. To meet the Council's commitments set out in the 2019 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) in fulfilment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

Overview of the SPD

6. Whilst the primary focus of this SPD is on the transport impacts of new development in relation to air quality and the direct impacts on health, it is also recognised that reducing and mitigating air pollution from transport emissions has co-benefits in relation to addressing

climate change. The SPD sets out the requirements for and scope of air quality assessments to support planning applications and appropriate mitigations, to meet the requirements of Local Plan Policies NE5 and IC2 in particular.

Planning Reform

7. The SPD is written to support the current adopted local plan and current national policy. It does not take account of the proposed planning reforms set out in the government's consultation documents ‘changes to the current planning system’ or the white paper: `planning for the future’. Should the changes set out in these documents be implemented, the SPD content would need to be reviewed or withdrawn. It would need to be kept under review in any event.

Consultation

8. Under the Town and Country Planning (England) Regulations 2012 there is a requirement for a minimum of four weeks public consultation on all SPDs. The Council’s adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) however, extends this period to six weeks. The Council originally invited comments from 27 February to 9 April 2020. This deadline was extended due to the Coronavirus pandemic until 30th June 2020.

9. 14 duly made responses were received, which included 29 detailed comments.

10. A schedule of the comments made and suggested responses is attached at Appendix B.

11. A revised SPD taking into account the recommended responses is attached at Appendix A.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

12. The work will be completed within existing officer resources and the costs associated with adoption and production will be met within existing budgets. As such there are no financial implications directly associated with this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

13. The Air Quality Management: Protecting Health and Addressing Climate Change SPD will be a material consideration when considering relevant applications. Its production fulfils an existing commitment in Burnley’s Local Plan, the Council’s LDS and 2019 Air Quality Annual Status Report.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

14. As set out in paragraphs 8 – 11 of the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

15. None

FURTHER INFORMATION	
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