
**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY PANEL
HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2021**

HWSP.11/21 AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION AND ADOPTION

The Principal Health and Housing Officer submitted report GD.07/21 which summarised the Local Authorities Air Quality Action Plan.

The Principal Health and Housing Officer set out the background to the Air Quality Action Plan and the consultation process which had been undertaken and the responses received.

The Panel considered the low number of responses received and the number of Members who had not been able to stay at the meeting. The Panel asked that the report be brought back to its February meeting, if timescales allowed, for further scrutiny by the Panel. If timescales did not allow Members could pass their responses to the consultation directly to the Principal Health and Housing Officer.

The Panel discussed the changes to bus routes and the efficiencies that had been made and suggested that further work be undertaken to link bus routes to the cycling and walking network. A suggestion was also made that park and ride schemes be considered for the City.

The Panel noted the aspiration to open Waverly Viaduct and asked for an update on the Waverly Viaduct to be submitted to a future meeting of the Panel.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder acknowledged the work that had been undertaken to produce the detailed Action Plan. He highlighted the continuously improving air quality in Carlisle and some of the practical work that had happened to achieve clean air along with the discussions that were ongoing with the public transport providers in the City and the County Council Highways Team.

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder also drew attention to the excellent work that had achieved the clean air in the City which everyone benefited from.

RESOLVED – 1) That the Panel scrutinised the Air Quality Action Plan Consultation and adoption (GD.07/21).

2) That an update on the Waverly Viaduct project be submitted to a future meeting of the Panel.

3) That the Local Authorities Air Quality Action Plan be reconsidered by the Panel, if timescales allowed. If not Panel Members would submit their response to the consultation directly to the Principal Health and Housing Officer.