

IMPACT AND VALUE ASSESSMENT

Report Title: Perth Air Quality Action Plan

Where the Impact & Value Assessment has identified a likely impact in relation to the committee proposal, detailed evidence is provided below.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan

Working in partnership with communities? - YES.

Tackling poverty? - NO.

Tackling climate change and supporting sustainable places? - YES.

Developing as resilient, stronger and greener local economy? - NO.

Enabling our children & young people to achieve their full potential? - YES.

Protecting and caring for our most vulnerable people? - YES.

Supporting and promoting physical and mental wellbeing? - YES.

Legal and Governance

Legal implications identified? - NO.

Governance implications identified? - NO.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Finance

Financial implications identified? - NO.

Workforce

Workforce implications identified? - NO.

Asset Management

Asset Management implications identified? - NO.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Consultation

Internal or external consultation? - YES.

Internal and external consultation undertaken. Perth AQAQ was drafted in collaboration with various services as part of a steering group: Traffic & Network, Climate Change & Sustainable Development, Development Management, Local Development Plan Team, Transport Planning, PKC Fleet, Public Transport, Parking, Community Greenspace, Licencing. These members were consulted throughout the creation of the Plan and their continuous feedback helped

form the final draft. In addition to these internal members, the plan was also issued to stakeholders in Scottish Government, SEPA, Transport Scotland and NHS Tayside. Again, their feedback fed into the creation of the plan, with Scottish Government and SEPA having a particular interest as they are the enforcing bodies for local air quality management and the creation of air quality action plans. Following the creation of a final draft, the plan went out to public consultation between 4/11/24 and 31/12/24. This was carried out using an online survey on PKCs Consultation Hub website, alongside the option to submit views directly to Environmental Health via email. A further in person drop-in session was carried out at the AK Bell library in December for any who wished to ask questions in person. While not specifically targeted at all the groups set out in Q20 above, the consultation was open to all and was advertised as such through PKC Comms. The consultation was also shared with Elected Members directly, as well as through the Economic Development team to their business contacts. The online survey received 88 responses throughout the consultation period, alongside three formal responses issued directly to EH and 69 comments with feedback on PKC social media. The three formal responses were from Dundee City Council, Scone & District Community Council and the Perth and Kinross Branch of the Scottish Green Party. All feedback from the consultation was then fed back to the steering group for discussion, assessed, and the required changes in response to feedback were made to the Action Plan to make the final document. These changes are detailed within Appendix C of the AQAP

Communications

Communications plan? - YES.

All progress relating to air quality, including progress in the delivery of the Perth AQAP, is reported annually as part of PKC's Annual Air Quality Report. This is a statutory requirement, and all progress reports are made available upon the councils and Scottish Air Quality websites for viewing by the public. Furthermore, many of the measures within the AQAP relate directly to communication, such educational and awareness days like Clean Air Day (F.3), the sharing of guidance on clean burning best practices regarding domestic burning (D.8), the promotion of active travel (F.1) and the provision of better air quality information for the public (F.5) All communication will be carried out in collaboration with PKC's Comms team, both through PKC social media/media releases as well as any information issued on the PKC website.

POLICY CHECKLIST

This report represents a new policy or a change to an existing policy document.

Corporate Risk Assessment

Corporate risk implications identified? - NO.

Equality & Fairness Impact Assessment (EFIA)

Protected equality characteristics impact? - NO.

Human Rights impact? - NO IMPACT.

Inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage impact? - NO IMPACT.

Inequalities of outcome in relation to Communities of Place or Communities of Interest impact? - NO IMPACT.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

A SEA pre-screening assessment is indicated, and will be undertaken before this report is implemented.

Climate Change Impact Assessment

Business, Industry & Supply Chain impact? - YES.

Measure D.1. - Encourage Local Fleet Operators to Pursue Cleaner Vehicles - this measure aims to reduce emissions and increase efficiency of local fleet operators traveling in and out of Perth by encouraging the uptake of cleaner vehicles and best fuel saving processes through the ECO Stars Fleet Recognition Scheme. Measure D.7. EV Charging Infrastructure - by supporting the rollout of EV infrastructure across Perth and Kinross, PKC will encourage the uptake of EVs throughout the region and further reduce the use of petrol and diesel vehicles. As set out in the previous question, both measure D1 and D7 will encourage the move away from less efficient/more polluting vehicles and practices to more fuel efficient and sustainable alternatives. D.1 in particular focuses on continued delivery of the ECO Stars scheme, which educates fleet operators on best practices free of charge for the benefit of both their business (through cost savings and increased efficiency) and the wider environment due to emission reductions. Again, both measures D1 and D7 within the plan will help encourage the reduction of business vehicle emissions through the move to more efficient vehicles and practices, in particular the move to EV with the continued rollout of infrastructure within Perth and Kinross. Measure D1 focuses on encouraging cleaner vehicles and use of fuel saving practices by fleet operators through the delivery of the ECO Stars scheme. This will improve fleet operators efficiency and reduce fuel consumption, and in some cases will encourage suppliers to move entirely away from traditional fossil fuels to more sustainable fuels like HVO or electric.

Energy, Buildings & Infrastructure impact? - NO.

Land Use & Land-Use Change impact? - NO.

Transport & Connectivity impact? - YES.

All measures within the action plan (with the exception of D9 which focuses on domestic burning) are aimed at reducing vehicle emissions, both for the air quality benefit but also climate change benefit. Measures cover a wide range of methods to reduce vehicle emissions such as encouraging active and sustainable travel, supporting the move to EV, moving to "low car" development policies, enforcing against vehicle idling and more. It is therefore the case that the action plan will have an overwhelmingly positive impact on reducing transport emissions within Perth and Kinross, though the plan mainly focuses on Perth City. A large proportion of the improvement measures within the action plan relate directly to encouraging sustainable transport and the move to active travel (Measures B.2, B.3, D.3, D.8, E1, E.2, F.1, F.2, F.3), as this will lead to reduction in the use of cars and thus reduction in vehicle emissions/air pollutants. The plan will therefore have a clear positive effect on the promotion of sustainable and active travel and the health benefits that result from this. As above, a large number of the air quality improvement measures within the plan relate directly to promoting sustainable travel through modal shift. (Measures B.2, B.3, D.3, D.8, E1, E.2, F.1, F.2, F.3). These measures cover Park and Ride improvement, promotion of active travel methods, school travel plans for reducing car use, improving access to real time travel information for bus passengers and more. All will have a positive impact on improving modal shift to more sustainable travel methods.

Waste & the Circular Economy impact? - NO.

Climate Resilience & Engagement impact? - NO.

Child Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment

Impact based on the GIRFEC wellbeing indicators? - YES.

The delivery of the Perth AQAP will positively impact the health of children and young people by improving air quality where they live/work and go to school, especially as poor air quality can have more of an impact these groups than the general public. In addition there are a number of measures within the action plan aimed at improving active travel within Perth and Kinross, in particular with regards to measure D.8 which aims to review and update school travel plans to reduce car usage and increase active travel at schools.

Sustainable Procurement & Supply Impact Assessment

Resource use and consumption impact? - NO.

Social wellbeing impact? - NO.

Environmental wellbeing impact? - NO.

Economic wellbeing impact? - NO.

7.4.7 Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)

Impact related to personal data/information? - NO.