

Delegated Decision Notice (DDN)

This form is the written record of a key, significant operational or administrative decision taken by an officer.

Decision type	<input type="checkbox"/> Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Decision
Approximate value	<input type="checkbox"/> Below £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £500,000 to £1,000,000 <input type="checkbox"/> over £1,000,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £100,000 to £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Over £500,000	<input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000
Director¹	Director of Communities, Housing & Environment		
Contact person:	Paul Spandler Environmental Health Manager	Telephone number: 3786564	
Subject²:	Proposal to revoke Air Quality Management Area Orders		
Decision details³:	What decision has been taken?		
	<p>The Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory has approved the revocation of Air Quality Management Area Status from the five areas, Ebor Gardens (AQMA1/2017), Caspar Apartments (AQMA 2/2017), The Normans (AQMA 3/2017), The Tilburys (AQMA 4/2017) and Chapel Hill (AQMA 6/2017).</p>		
	<p>A brief statement of the reasons for the decision</p> <p>All five Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) were declared due to exceedances of the annual average Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) UK air quality objective. Extensive air quality monitoring has been undertaken throughout the duration of the AQMA's. Monitoring data has shown that all AQMA's have recorded levels of NO₂ within the annual average UK objective for at least the last four consecutive years. DEFRA guidance recommends at least three years without a breach of the UK Objective before revocation. It is therefore proposed that the formal process of revocation of the five AQMA's be undertaken, as the areas are now compliant with UK Air Quality Objectives for NO₂ and no longer meet the threshold for AQMA designation.</p>		
Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision			
<p>The only alternative would be to keep the AQMA's in place. There is no justification for this as the purpose of an AQMA is to enable actions to be prioritised by the</p>			

¹ Give title of Director with delegated responsibility for function to which decision relates.

² If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that used in the list


³ Simply refer to supporting report where used as these matters have been set out in detail.

	local authority to tackle areas that exceed UK Air Quality Objectives.
Affected wards:	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Little London & Woodhouse, Kirkstall, Holbeck, Morley North
Details of consultation undertaken⁴:	<p>Executive Member</p> <p>The Executive Member for Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Space was advised of the proposal on 7th March 2024. No adverse comments have been received.</p>
	<p>Ward Councillors</p> <p>Ward Councillors for the five wards affected were consulted on the proposal on 30/01/2024. The need to continue to monitor air quality in the areas after revocation have been agreed.</p>
	<p>Chief Digital and Information Officer⁵</p> <p>n/a</p>
	<p>Chief Asset Management and Regeneration Officer⁶</p> <p>n/a</p>
	<p>Others</p> <p>The Director of Public Health was advised of the proposal on 05/02/2024. The Director was supportive of the proposal.</p> <p>A public consultation was undertaken asking for views and comments on the intention to revoke the AQMA Orders. The consultation ran from 1st February to 28th February 2024. Responses were largely supportive of the proposal and the need to continue to monitor air quality in the areas after revocation has been agreed.</p>
Implementation	Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation Environmental Health Manager. To be implemented 30/04/2024.

⁴ Include details of any interest disclosed by an elected Member on consultation and the date of any relevant dispensation given.

⁵ See Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) CDIO must be consulted in relation to all matters relating to the Council's use of digital technology

⁶ See Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) CAMRO must be consulted in relation to all matters relating to the Council's land and buildings.

List of Forthcoming Key Decisions⁷	Date Added to List:-	
	If Special Urgency or General Exception a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision	
	If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval Signature _____ Date _____	
Publication of report⁸	If not published for 5 clear working days prior to decision being taken the reason why not possible:	
	If published late relevant Executive member's approval Signature _____ Date _____	
Call-in	Is the decision available ⁹ for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	If exempt from call-in , the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:	
Approval of Decision	Authorised decision maker ¹⁰ John Mulcahy Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory	
	Signature 	Date 21 March 2024

⁷ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁸ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁹ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 5.1. Significant operational decisions taken by officers are never available for call-in. Key decisions are always available for call-in unless they have been exempted from call-in under rule 5.1.3.

¹⁰ Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.