

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

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### Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for Health and Public Protection

Tuesday, 13 June 2017

<b>Portfolio</b>	Health and Public Protection
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Response to "Draft national plan for tackling nitrogen dioxide in our towns and cities"</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Environmental Health
<b>Strategy/Policy:</b>	
<b>Corporate Objectives:</b>	A Safe and Healthy Place to Live and Work

#### **Purpose:**

To consider and approve the Council's consultation response to the DEFRA consultation on the "Draft national plan for tackling nitrogen dioxide in our towns and cities".

The environment group ClientEarth won a Supreme Court ruling against the Government in November 2016. The ruling found that the 2015 National Air Quality Plan was not sufficient in that it would not bring down air pollution levels within a sufficient timeframe. As a result of this the government, through DEFRA, has produced a revised Draft National Air Quality Action Plan. This was published on 5 May 2017 and is out for consultation until 15 June 2017. The plan names 40 UK towns and cities where positive action is necessary to reduce air pollution levels, based on data from computer modelling. Fareham is one of the towns listed, it is therefore important that the Council responds to this consultation.

#### **Options Considered:**

That the Executive Member agrees that the Council response, as attached as Appendix A to this report, be submitted to the Government's consultation on the Draft National Air Quality Action plan (which closes on 15 June 2017).

#### **Decision:**

That the Executive Member agrees that the Council response, as attached as Appendix A to this report, be submitted to the Government's consultation on the Draft National Air Quality Action Plan (which closes on 15 June 2017).

#### **Reason:**

It is important that Fareham responds to this consultation to raise the Government's awareness of specific issues which the Government's Draft National Air Quality Action Plan presents to the Council given the local circumstances and also to highlight further measures

it could consider to reduce air pollution, and to potentially influence the contents of the final document when published.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, Deputy Leader

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