

Air Quality Management and Low Emission Zone - 2020 annual progress report noted.

5 With reference to the minutes of 11th June 2019 (Print 2, page 109) noting the progress being made in establishing Glasgow's Low Emission Zone (LEZ), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability regarding the city's 2020 annual progress report on air quality and the LEZ, advising

- (1) that the Environment Act 1995 required that local authorities regularly review and assess the air quality within their area of responsibility and this review and assessment process had been the basis of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM), with the annual progress report considering monitoring data available since the last round of review and assessment as well as assessing the impact from various potential sources of pollution;
- (2) of the actions to improve air quality and the progress of the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) measures that had been progressed in 2019 together with a summary of the current AQAP, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that air quality in Glasgow continued to improve, with the vast majority of the city meeting all air quality targets, however there remained areas of the city centre where the effect of the built environment combined with the volume of predominantly diesel powered traffic, resulted in unsatisfactory air quality;
- (4) that the annual progress report had concluded that no further revocations or amendments were required to the Glasgow Air Quality Management Areas and work would continue on AQAP actions and would commence on the production of a new AQAP later this year;
- (5) that on 28th September 2017 (Print 3, page 388), the City Administration Committee had agreed to a set of proposals for introducing the LEZ and had identified key milestones in Glasgow's journey towards this goal;
- (6) of the stakeholder engagement that had taken place, despite disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, that had been an important element in the development of Glasgow's plans for phase 2 of the LEZ;
- (7) of the detailed response to the Transport Scotland consultation on regulations and guidance on LEZ legislation, the transport modelling undertaken, the range of LEZ Public Transport Projects that had been completed and the funding secured for the promotion of action on Clean Air Day;
- (8) of the public consultation on the proposals for Phase 2 of Glasgow's LEZ;
- (9) of the new indicative timescale for the LEZs across Scotland due to the temporary pause in plans due to COVID-19 that aimed to see them introduced between February and May 2022, as detailed in the report; and
- (10) of the future actions in relation to the LEZ.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the report on air quality in the city;
- (a) the progress being made in establishing Glasgow's Low Emission Zone;
- (b) the indicative revised timescale for the introduction of Low Emission Zones in the 4 Scottish cities;
- (c) the intention to return to committee at the earliest opportunity for approval of a revised timescale for Low Emission Zone enforcement; and
- (d) the intention to return to committee in May 2021 for approval of a finalised Low Emission Zone scheme to proceed to public consultation.