

Air Quality Management - Revocation and amendment of Air Quality Management Area Orders etc noted – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability regarding improvements in local air quality, advising

- (1) that the Environment Act 1995 required that local authorities regularly review and assess air quality within their area of responsibility and that this review and assessment process was the basis of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM), with local authorities requiring to produce annual progress reports;
- (2) that previous rounds of the LAQM review had seen Glasgow declare air quality management areas (AQMA) due to elevated levels of the pollutants nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and particulate matter (PM₁₀);
- (3) of the monitoring process undertaken and results achieved at
 - (a) Parkhead Cross AQMA that showed NO₂ levels had been below the annual mean air quality objective level for several years and the designation as an AQMA could be revoked; and
 - (b) Byres Road/Dumbarton Road AQMA that showed PM₁₀ levels had been below the annual mean air quality objective level for several years and that the designation as an AQMA could be amended to remove the requirement in respect of this pollutant.

After consideration, the committee

- (i) noted the improvements in air quality in areas previously failing to meet statutory air quality objectives; and
- (ii) agreed to recommend to the City Administration Committee the revocation of the Parkhead Cross Air Quality Management Area and amendment of the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road Air Quality Management Area.