

SCRUTINY REVIEW ACTION PLAN: AIR QUALITY

Action	Responsibility	Date
Recommendation 1:		
<i>The council to set up more air quality monitoring stations in key areas including around construction sites, such as by prioritising funding of air quality monitoring in future capital programmes so that it is proactive in collecting long-term accurate live air quality data from all parts of the borough not just certain sites; and to make monitoring data more accessible so residents are better informed to make decisions and promote behavioural change.</i>		
Set up an air quality monitoring station for the Council's Blackwall Depot due to Euro 6 Vehicle emission standards in the area. This to take the form of an additional NOx tubes to be included near the depot site.	EHTS	31/8/21
<u>Highway monitor</u> (i)Background checks on site suitability, planning requirement, agreement from relevant stakeholders and power arrangements.	EHTS	31/08/2021
(ii)Obtain quotations via RFQ process/award contract	EHTS	30/09/2021
(iii)Highway (A1203) new monitoring station installation and live data link to Tower Hamlets AQ monitoring webpage.	EHTS	31/03/2022
<u>Making monitoring data more accessible</u> (i)Making monitoring data available on plasma screens at Mulberry Place	EHTS	30/09/2021
(ii) Undertake a review of how monitoring data is displayed on webpage and make it more accessible to residents including air quality on LYN app	EHTS/Digital Team	30/09/2021
<u>Construction site monitoring</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EHTS review planning applications for major development and recommend condition for PM10 monitoring for all major developments. Construction sites to undertake monitoring and submit monthly monitoring report to Pollution Team • Sites may not become live for up to 3 years from gaining planning consent. First monitoring report may not be due until around 12-18 months time 	EHTS EHTS	Started February 2021 and going forward First monitoring report expected 12-18 months

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		from February 2021
Recommendation 2:		
<i>The council to develop a partnership plan with TfL to take a more proactive approach to manage and reduce traffic on the TfL roads in the borough, as these to have been identified to be high drivers of road-based pollution in Tower Hamlets.</i>		
Produce Transport Strategy Delivery Plan incorporating traffic reduction measures in consultation with TfL		01/2022
Support introduction of the ULEZ expansion		10/2021
Carry out feasibility study into borough Workplace Parking Levy		01/2022
Recommendation 3:		
<i>The council to develop evaluation methods of the Air Quality Action Plan to ensure the initiative's goals and objectives are being achieved, as well as identify any components of the initiative that are not effective.</i>		
Develop air quality needs assessment to inform the air quality action plan for 2022	Public Health	September 2021
Update of the AQAP for 2022 to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear deliverables/outputs and targets. • Quantification of impacts of proposed measures • Clear Milestones • Defined roles and responsibilities 	EHTS/Stakeholders	31/03/2022 And quarterly steering group meetings to develop/agree action measures
Subject to securing funding, commission a research study to quantify expected NO2 and PM10 emission/concentration reductions of the proposed measures	EHTS	31/03/2022
Ongoing assessment and reporting of progress annually to GLA – Annual Status Report (ASR).	EHTS	31/05/2022

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Recommendation 4:		
<i>The council to include air quality priorities into the remit of the Climate Emergency Partnership Board to ensure that it is included as an important part of partnership discussion.</i>		
Establish the Climate Emergency taskforce to develop a partnership climate emergency action plan on behalf of the Partnership Executive Group (PEG)	SP Place, Sustainability	By 31 July 2021
Complete the taskforce's activities and input into a partnership climate emergency action plan	SP Place, Sustainability	By 30 Sep 2021
A draft partnership climate emergency action plan informed by the taskforce signed off by PEG	SP Place, Sustainability	By 30 Nov 2021
Recommendation 5:		
<i>The council to identify existing air quality measures in the current capital programme and prioritise them for delivery, such as EV charging points.</i>		
Develop and Adopt EV Delivery Plan by September 2021	Highways and Transport	September 2021
Install EV charging points at locations where the Council's fleet is parked including Commercial Road, Victoria Park and Blackwall Depot.	Operational Services	March/April 2022
Recommendation 6:		
<i>The council to develop plan to install green walls and green spaces in schools that currently have none, to purify the air our children breathe and protect them from the surrounding air pollution.</i>		
Secure s106 funding to undertake air quality audits at 3 primary schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannon Barnet • Kobi Nazrul 	EHTS	6/4/2021

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Martyrs 		
Shortlist 3 or 4 schools in areas above UK legal limit for NO ₂ ($\geq 40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) (in the west of the borough) for audits & living walls	EHTS	6/4/2021
Undertake audits at each school	EHTS	July-September 2021
Write up audit findings and produce report	EHTS	September 2021
Procure services of landscape contractor via procurement portal to install green walls, 1 school per quarter	EHTS	July-Sept 2021- Canon Barnet Oct-Dec 2021- Kobi Nazrul
Recommendation 7:		
<i>The council to develop plan to convert unused open spaces in the borough to green spaces to make these spaces greener and thus further reduce residents' exposure to air pollutants.</i>		
Focus tree planting near to play areas, schools and commuter/school runs	Clean and Green	On Going
Focus on planting large canopy trees species, in location where they can reach their intended proportions without regular, cyclical pruning.	Clean and Green	On Going
Focus on planting 'green walls', to create barriers between vehicles and people.	Clean and Green	On Going
Recommendation 8:		
<i>The council to promptly display anti-idling signs all over Tower Hamlets to discourage idling which will ultimately reduce emissions and help drivers save fuel.</i>		
Identify schools (nursery/primary) exceeding UK legal limit for NO ₂ ($\geq 40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	EHTS	17/08/2020
Install 1 or more signs per quarter at schools exceeding legal limit for NO ₂ subject to	EHTS	01/06/2021 and

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consent from schools- Q1 Malmesbury, Q2 Hermitage, Q3 Old Montague and Q4 Thomas Buxton		then ongoing per quarter
Install signs monthly at idling hotspot locations around the borough	EHTS	17/01/2019 ongoing
Recommendation 9:		
<i>The council to investigate a new approach for stricter enforcement of anti-idling FPNs to better tackle idling and make this strategy more fit for purpose.</i>		
Publicity/engagement of idling issues around the borough	EHTS/Comms	31/07/2021
Continue with weekly visits to idling hotspots locations and issue FPNs to non-compliant drivers	EHTS/Parking	31/03/2022
2018 Anti idling cabinet report recommended delegated authority to be given to CEOs and THEOs but these were never taken up. Parking Service and Community Safety Service should investigate taking on these powers. This will increase the number of resource available to enforce the FPN legislation.	Parking/Community Safety Service	31/12/2021 subject to agreement by relevant services
Parking Service to investigate creating a Traffic Management Order under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 so that CEOs can issue a PCN	Parking Service	31/12/2021 subject to agreement by relevant services