

3 AIR QUALITY MONITORING UPDATE (AN15-2013)

Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 places a statutory requirement on local authorities to monitor and manage air quality within their areas. The initial scope of Dundee City Council's air quality monitoring and action management strategy is set out in its Air Quality Management Area Order (Committee Report 108/2006 - Environment Committee 20th February, 2006 refers). An annual update and progress report are provided within the 2012 Air Quality Updating and Screening Assessment and Air Quality Action Plan Progress report. Copies of these documents have been provided to the Leader of the Labour Group, Bailie Borthwick, Bailie Scott and Councillor Macpherson. These reports have been submitted to the Scottish Government and SEPA as statutory consultees and both have confirmed their agreement to their contents.

Actions arising from the above include:-

- Continuing with the work of the Council's Corporate Air Quality Steering Group to allow a joint approach in providing air quality improvements via road infrastructure alterations, the use of green fleet and implementation of staff travel plans;
- Further detailed air quality monitoring where air quality breaches have occurred, including the north-west arterial corridor and Seagate; and
- Varying the monitoring requirements of the existing AQMA Order to include the hourly mean objective for nitrogen dioxide to allow more detailed information to be gathered.

Committee is asked to note the contents of the above report and approve the variation to the AQMA Order to incorporate reference to recording hourly mean information.