

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Net Zero, Environment and Transport
<b>DATE</b>	3 September 2024
<b>EXEMPT</b>	No
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	No
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Air Quality Progress
<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	CORS/24/209
<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>	Andy MacDonald
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<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	1,6

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update committee members on the annual air quality monitoring results for 2023.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Note the findings of the 2024 Air Quality Progress Report (APR) for Aberdeen City Council.

### 3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The Environment Act 1995, Part IV, as amended by the Environment Act 2021, places an obligation on all local authorities to regularly review and assess air quality in their areas, and to determine whether or not the air quality objectives are likely to be achieved.
- 3.2 The Scottish Government has stipulated authorities must submit an annual progress report for approval by the Scottish Government and the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA). The Scottish Government approved the appended Annual Progress Report 2024 for Aberdeen City, on 10 July 2024. The Annual Progress Report provides an overview of air quality in Aberdeen City during 2023.
- 3.3 Members will note that the Progress Report includes an intention to review the Anderson Drive and Wellington Road Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) with a view to revoking the AQMA. This is due to improving air quality in these areas and continued compliance with national objective levels for NO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>. Officers will report back to the November meeting of this Committee with detailed recommendations on this area.
- 3.4 Members will also note the intention to review the City Centre AQMA in the same timeframe with a view to amending the AQMA to remove reference to the

PM<sub>10</sub> objective due to continued compliance with the PM<sub>10</sub> objectives. Again, Officers will report back to the November meeting of this Committee with recommendations in this area. While NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations have significantly reduced in recent years, Officers consider there remains a need to retain the City Centre AQMA in relation to the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective.

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

#### 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

#### 6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

#### 7. RISK

7.1 The assessment of risk contained within the table below is considered to be consistent with the Council's Risk Appetite Statement.

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H)  *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
<b>Strategic Risk</b>	No significant risks identified			Yes
<b>Compliance</b>	No significant risks identified			Yes
<b>Operational</b>	No significant risks identified			Yes
<b>Financial</b>	No significant risks identified			Yes
<b>Reputational</b>	No significant risks identified			Yes

<b>Environment / Climate</b>	No significant risks identified			Yes
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## 8. OUTCOMES

<b>Council Delivery Plan 2024</b>	
	<b>Impact of Report</b>
<b>Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement</b> <a href="#"><u>Working in Partnership for Aberdeen</u></a>	This report provides an update on air quality monitoring across the city. There are no proposals in this report and therefore no impact on the Council Delivery Plan.
<b>Regional and City Strategies</b>	There are no proposals in this report.

## 9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Integrated Impact Assessment</b>	New Integrated Impact Assessment has been completed
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	Not required
<b>Other</b>	None

## 10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None

## 11. APPENDICES

11.1 2024 Air Quality Annual Progress Report (APR) for Aberdeen City Council

## 12. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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