**Air Quality Steering Group – Meeting 16**

**Tuesday 11th December 2018**

**Present:**

Sandra Coltman (Sec) (SCol) WCC Environmental Health and Licensing

Councillor E Bell (EB) Shadow Portfolio Holder for Environment

Councillor S Miller (SM) WCC Portfolio Holder for Estates

Phil Gagg (PG) Win Acc

David Ingram (Chair) (DI) WCC Environmental Health and Licensing

Dan Massey (DM) WCC Engineering and Transport

Mike Slinn (MS) WTSP Transport Group

Paul Spencer (PS) Winchester BID,

Phil Tidridge (PT) WCC Scientific Officer

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Jan Warwick (JW), WCC Portfolio Holder for Environment, Sam Clark (SC) HCC Strategic Transport, Simon Finch (SF) WCC Corporate Head of Regulatory and Richard Hein, (RH) WCC Head of Parking Services and CCTV.

It was noted that James Moore, HCC Strategy Planning would also be attending future meetings.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2018 were noted.

1. **Feedback from the Task and Finish Groups.**

**Core Measure 1** – Building on car parking pricing differential strategy – Task Group Lead: **Simon Finch;** and

**Core Measure 2** - Review and effective enforcement of good(s) deliveries by time of day-Task Group Lead: **Richard Hein**

It was noted that the public consultation to seek the views of residents, commuters, visitors, businesses and other stakeholders on the emerging City of Winchester Movement Strategy was now available on Hampshire County Council’s website. The consultation would be open until 13 January 2019.

It was considered important for Winchester to comment on future parking spaces and number requirements as these would influence the movement strategy and may need to be reviewed once the outcome of the consultation was known.

It was noted that a report to Cabinet regarding future procurement of waste collection services would require any incoming contractor to provide a new vehicle fleet operation with EURO 6 standard engines and other measures to reduce carbon emissions and improve fuel efficiency. The Group considered that an item should be included on the agenda of a future meeting so that the future car parking strategy to be adopted could be discussed.

Reference was made to the Miracle Study and it was agreed that the report should be reviewed to ascertain if any initial findings could be relevant to the Movement Strategy. The extent and impact of Goods Delivery Vehicles on pollution levels versus the through movement of traffic should be reviewed so that heavy good vehicles were not unduly penalised.

The Group considered that it should respond to the Movement Strategy consultation and the opportunity should be taken to review some of the options available such as delivery hubs and additional park and ride sites.

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| **ACTION** | **ACTION BY** |
| Item to be included on future agenda to discuss Car Parking Strategy | Simon Finch/Sandra Coltman |
| Miracle Study to be Reviewed in light of Steering Group comments | David Ingram/Phil Tidridge |
| Initial draft response to the Movement Strategy consultation focusing on Air Quality be prepared | Dave Ingram, Dan Massey, Phil Tidridge |
| That any comments from Steering Group Members to be included in the consultation response be emailed to Sandra Coltman by 20th December | All Steering Group Members |
| That HCC be asked to meet with the Air Quality Steering Group to discuss the consultation results | Sandra Coltman |

**Core Measure 3 -** Deliver – if viable, additional P&R spaces to the north of Winchester - Task Group Lead: **Simon Finch**

It was agreed the response to the Movement Strategy should include reference to the additional Park and Ride site and the need to maximise space at the existing sites.

**Core Measure 4 -** Introduce new parking charges/incentives to reduce diesel/old petrol vehicles parking in central car parks in favour of low emission vehicles-Task Group Lead: **Simon Finch**

It was noted that a number of options were being explored. Most of the options available were based on the “RingGo” cashless parking solutions.

The most likely solution would be a hybrid system whereby preferential car parking rates would be applied to low emission vehicles. Any new systems would be incorporated within the contract procurement process upon renewal of the contract.

It was noted that the new air quality mesh installed at Romsey Road was now operational. This would monitor NO2, PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone emissions. The data once assimilated would be made available on the Council’s webpage.

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| **Action**  | **Action By:** |
| Item to be included on the agenda to discuss data results | Sandra Coltman |

**Core Measure 5 –** Investigate the feasibility of introducing a CAZ for all heavy duty vehicles that enter AQMA which do not meet the Euro VI standards - Task Group Lead: **Dave Ingram**

It was noted that there was no further information to report at this time.

**Core Measure 6 -** Ensure that all Council owned, leased, or contracted vehicles are not diesel fuelled (where practicable) and that they meet the OLEV emission standard for ultra low emission vehicles by 2020 (i.e.<75g/km CO2) -Task Group Lead: **Richard Botham**

It was noted that the procurement strategy was currently being amended to reflect the core measure but this core measure was already being recognised as contracts were renewed. The Council was also in the process of changing its policies and terms and conditions for staff.

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| **Action** | **Action By** |
| That the Council raise awareness of the initiatives that were being introduced as an incentive to others  | Richard Botham |

**Core Measure 7 -** Develop an Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document - Task Group Lead: **Dave Ingram**

It was reported that a consultant had now been appointed to develop an Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document. It was anticipated that a draft would be available in February 2019.

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**Complementary Measure**

It was reported that a report on the Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy would be submitted to Cabinet in January 2019.

A meeting had also been held with the University to discuss Travel Planning and sustainable transport issues. The University was interested in installing additional EV charging points. It was noted that a number of plans were already in existence such as the Hampshire County Council and Southampton City Council travel plans. However, it was felt that a Winchester travel plan was needed as there were a number of large employers in the vicinity which could incentivise staff to adopt greener travel alternatives.

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| **Action** | **Action by** |
| That a working group be set up to explore travel planning | David Ingram |

1. **Air Quality Awareness**

The Steering Group were asked for their views on Clean Air Day as it was suggested that there might be a regional approach next year with initiatives across the region which would have a greater impact. WinAcc indicated their support and their desire to be involved.

It was noted that the Hants Air Quality Sub-Group had set up a task group to look at public engagement, awareness raising and initiatives. The Steering Group would be updated on their progress.

1. **Date of next Steering Group Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 26th March, 2019 at 2pm – St Giles Meeting Room