**Air Quality Steering Group – Meeting 18**

**Tuesday 11th June 2019**

**Present:**

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

Councillor L Murphy (LM) Portfolio Holder for Environment

Phil Gagg (PG) Win Acc

David Ingram (Chair) (DI) WCC Service Lead – Public Protection

James Moore (JM) Transport, Hampshire County Council

Andy Hickman (AH) Head of Programme

Mike Slinn (MS) TSP Transport Group

Paul Spencer (PS) Executive Director, Winchester Business Improvement District

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Simon Finch (SF) WCC Corporate Head of Regulatory, Richard Hein (RH) WCC Head of Parking Services and CCTV, Dan Massey (DM) WCC Engineering and Transport, Phil Tidridge (PT) WCC Scientific Officer and Richard Botham (RB) Corporate Director.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2019 were noted.

1. **Movement Strategy**

It was noted that the Movement Strategy (MS) had been endorsed by the City Council in March 2019 and adopted by Hampshire County Council in April.  Work was now underway on the next phase of development studies with HCC colleagues   WCC has committed funding of £500k. There is an overlap between the MS and AQAP, particularly in relation to P&R growth and alleviating problems caused by city centre deliveries.

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

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

It was noted that the Pricing Strategy was to be considered as part of the new Car Parking Strategy and would follow on from the Movement Strategy.

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

Concern was raised at the alleged idling of waste collection vehicles at the Biffa depot. It has been reported that the drivers had to arrive on site by 6.30am but as the drivers could not leave the depot until 7.00am, they often left the engines idling, either running the heating system in winter or the air-conditioning in summer.

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| **Action** | **Action By** |
| Current renegotiation of Waste Collection Contract to review reported idling | AH |
| Pub Watch Group to be reminded of the enforcement of delivery times for goods vehicles and asked for help with compliance | PS |

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

No further information to report on this core measure.

**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 reported that enforcement of the current TRO waiting restrictions by the Parking Team was currently being undertaken. Data would inform any action around this measure together with information gained and a better understanding of the technology available to do this. The measure would need to be addressed as part of the new Car Parking Strategy and a decision would be based on reducing charges for lower polluting vehicles or, more likely,  charging more for higher polluting ones.

Mention was made of the need to look at freight distribution patterns and where deliveries start and finish from. If this could be integrated with rail networks then a common freight distribution point and network could be established.

**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**

Traffic movement data and flows within the city centre was considered necessary to map orientation and destination of traffic entering the city centre. Reference was made to the survey data that could be collected.

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| **Action** | **Action By** |
| Information on survey data to be sent to AH | MS |
| Wording of core measure 5 to be reviewed | LM/DI |

**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 change from Council leased vehicles being used by staff to private own vehicle use could mean an increase in Air Pollution with older cars being purchased. The idea of introducing a Pool Car Club in conjunction with the University, BID and Hampshire County Council was discussed and it was felt that this would link into the work of the Travel Planners’ Forum.

The need to also link this work to the parking review was also raised so that information could be collated on the way in which people travelled into the City and the mode of transport that was used. It was noted that the Winchester Travel Forum was working on staff travel plans and it was hoped that these would be adopted by the wider business community.

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| **Action** | **Action By** |
| Terms of Reference for the Winchester Travel Forum be circulated to the Steering Group for information | SC |
| Current WCC Staff Travel Plans to be reviewed. AH to send copy to DI | DI |

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

It was noted that a cross Local Authority Working Group had been established to explore the possibility of producing a strategic vision on air quality and where possible, standardised principles and guidance for undertaking air quality assessments.

1. **Review of Air Quality Action Plan**

It was suggested that the Air Quality Action Plan should be reviewed and its objectives and core measures linked to the Movement Strategy.

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| **Action** | **Action By** |
| Terms of Reference for the Air Quality Steering Group to be reviewed | DI |
| Data sheets and results from air quality monitoring to be reviewed with Councillor Murphy | PT |
| Audit of Groups impacting on air quality matters to be reviewed to insure TOR’s were not conflicting | DI |
| Separate Task and Finish Group to be set up to look at responding to “Leave your car at home day” on 22nd September | SC |

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

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 19th September, 2019 at 2pm – Boardroom, West Wing, WCC