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## Summary

1. The Saffron Walden Town Centre Management Group at its meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009 recommended that the Environment Committee adopt the Air Quality Action Plan designed to improve air quality in Saffron Walden.

## Recommendations

That the Action Plan appended to this report is adopted by the Committee.

## Background Papers

None

## Impact

Communication/Consultation	None
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Finance	The suggested car park concession scheme for low or no emission vehicles would reduce car parking revenues and following the end of a free trial of the staff car sharing scheme in 2010 there would be an annual software charge of £600
Human Rights	None
Legal implications	None
Ward-specific impacts	Saffron Walden
Workforce/Workplace	None

## Situation

- 1 At the meeting of the Environment Committee on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2006 it was resolved that the Saffron Walden Town Centre Management Group take

- forward the development and implementation of an air quality action plan in pursuit of the relevant air quality objectives and report back to this Committee.
- 2 Since that time a draft Action Plan has been produced for public consultation and following that period of consultation a revised plan has been prepared and endorsed by the Saffron Walden Town Centre Management Group.
  - 3 The Action Plan seeks to address the poor air quality in a small number of 'hot spots' in the centre of Saffron Walden and contains a number of measures designed to improve air quality.
  - 4 The Action Plan is appended to this report as Appendix 1

### Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
<b>That air quality does not improve in Saffron Walden</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Current trends are showing an increase in NO<sub>2</sub> levels</b>	<b>3</b> <b>The objective of 40µg/m<sup>3</sup> for NO<sub>2</sub> is a health based standard</b>	<b>National measures are reducing the rate of increase in air pollution levels but not sufficiently to bring levels down to below the objective for NO<sub>2</sub>, the measures in the Action Plan as designed to reverse the trend and bring levels to below the objective</b>