

## Minute of the Cabinet meeting on 15 September 2016

### CA45 AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN

Cllr Barker presented the Air Quality Action Plan for the Saffron Walden Air Quality Management Area. The plan had been reviewed previously by the Scrutiny Committee and had been through consultation with the public and key stakeholders. An amendment was circulated in relation to section 2.3 Traffic Management, to remove the reference to improvements with the introduction of Euro6/V1 compliant vehicles.

The plan set out 22 actions, each with an estimated cost, timescale for completion and the contribution toward the reduction in nitrogen dioxide levels. Councillor Barker said it was important for UDC to lead on the actions, to develop alternative to car schemes and to work with ECC in relation to traffic flow in the town. She suggested that the Plan should be reviewed after a year to see what had been achieved.

Councillor Rolfe said there should be a project plan for each of the actions. These could be agreed on a cross party basis.

Councillor Lodge said the plan was a good start but felt it lacked some integrity, for example the quoted policy ENV13, was likely to be updated in the Local Plan and the amended policy circulated at the meeting pointed toward some possible misleading information in the plan. He thought the plan was premature and asked for the approval to be deferred until further work was undertaken.

He also felt that the plan should include quantifiable actions with measurable outcomes and this was not the case.

He said there was a need for new traffic plans for the Saffron Walden, to look at the effect of the developments that had already been approved and there was no consideration of this in the plan. A robust plan would be required to absorb the additional traffic generated by the new houses, given that there were already marginal exceedances at the affected junctions.

Cllr Rolfe said this was a comprehensive piece of work and there was no need to delay the implementation of the plan. It had to fit in with the Local Plan preparation and any resulting mitigation would be added to the action plan.

**RESOLVED** that the Action Plan be adopted, subject to the circulated amendment to the second paragraph of section 2.3 Traffic Management.