

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: • Clean air consultation including unified taxi licensing report

Report to Cabinet

Date: 28.09.2020

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport

Key Decision: (b) Y

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Mark with a Y if applicable)

Summary:

To set out the progress that has been made on the development of Greater Manchester's Clean Air Plan following the decision that the GM Local Authorities will move to a statutory public consultation on the GM Clean Air Plan as soon as reasonably practicable in light of COVID-19 restrictions, and the link to taxi and private hire common minimum licensing standards. The report also considers the formal governance mechanisms that will underpin the delivery of a GM Clean Air Zone (CAZ) and the supporting measures.

This report is not seeking a decision on whether to introduce a scheme as that has been mandated by the Secretary of State. It is setting out a position for consultation on the daily charge, discounts and exemptions of a Category C GM Clean Air Zone, and the proposals for the supporting funds that have been developed taking stakeholder engagement and statistical modelling into account. It is seeking agreement to consult and endorsement of the policy for consultation. The policy will be reviewed in line with the findings from the statutory consultation.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

“The Clean Air Plan and the Minimum Taxi Licensing Standards are important contributors to our ambition to provide a safer and healthier Stockport.

The public consultation is a key element in this process as we move to seek consensus for the outlined proposals on the operating model for the Clean Air Zone. This is important to the successful delivery of the two programmes.”

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

1. Note the progress of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan;
2. Note that TfGM have confirmation that the funding award for Bus Retrofit should be distributed as soon as possible as per arrangements put in place for the Clean Bus Technology Funds;
3. Note the update on the possible impacts of COVID-19 on the GM Clean Air Plan;
4. Agree that Stockport Council along with the other nine GM local Authorities hold an 8-week public consultation on the GM Clean Air Plan commencing in October 2020;
5. Note that the GM local Authorities intend to consult on GM's proposed Minimum Licensing Standards, alongside the Clean Air Plan consultation;
6. Agree that TfGM act as the Operating Body for the GM CAZ and supporting measures as set out at paragraph 9.5;
7. Agree that Stockport Council along with the other nine GM Authorities individually

be a 'charging authority' for the purposes of the CAZ, pursuant to the Transport Act 2000;

8. .Endorse the GM Clean Air Plan Policy for Consultation at Appendix 3;
9. Note the Equalities Impact Assessment on the Clean Air Plan, as set out at Appendix 5;
10. Note that further reports will be brought forward to set out the formal governance mechanisms that will underpin the delivery of a GM Clean Air Zone (CAZ) and the supporting measures, including the full scope of the suite of powers that will be needed to be delegated to the Operating Body;
11. Agree a delegation to Corporate Director of Place Management and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health and Director of Public Health to approve the submission of the cases for measures to the Government's Joint Air Quality Unit to support the GM Clean Air Plan;
12. Agree a delegation to Corporate Director of Place Management and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health and Director of Public Health to approve the GM Clean Air Plan consultation materials, to include the Equalities Impact Assessment on the consultation; and
13. Note that the response to DfT's Decarbonising Transport – setting the challenge, as set out at Appendix 1, has been submitted to Government.
14. Note that the consultation sets the proposed boundary of the Clean Air Zone to exclude the A555 from the junction with the B5166 in the west to the junction with A523 in the east, as outlined at paragraph 4.17.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(e)**
Adult Social Care & Health

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(f)**

Contact person for accessing
background papers and discussing the report

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'Urgent Business': **(g)**

Yes/ No (Please circle)

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.
