

Notice of Meeting

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 9 September 2020 - 5:00 pm
Meeting to be held virtually

Members: Cllr Jane Jones (Chair), Cllr Dorothy Akwaboah (Deputy Chair), Cllr Toni Bankole, Cllr Donna Lumsden, Cllr Olawale Martins, Cllr Simon Perry, Cllr Ingrid Robinson, Cllr Paul Robinson, Cllr Bill Turner and Cllr Phil Waker

By Invitation: Cllr Andrew Achilleos and Cllr Margaret Mullane

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AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declaration of Members' Interests**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Members are asked to declare any interest they may have in any matter which is to be considered at this meeting.
- 3. Minutes - To confirm as correct the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2020 (Pages 3 - 8)**
- 4. Air Quality Action Plan (Pages 9 - 17)**
- 5. Update on the Scrutiny Review on Ambition 2020 and its Early Impact (Page 19)**
- 6. Work Programme (Pages 21 - 24)**

7. **Any other public items which the Chair decides are urgent**

8. **To consider whether it would be appropriate to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press from the remainder of the meeting due to the nature of the business to be transacted.**

Private Business

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9. **Any confidential or exempt items which the Chair decides are urgent**



Our Vision for Barking and Dagenham

ONE BOROUGH; ONE COMMUNITY; NO-ONE LEFT BEHIND

Our Priorities

A New Kind of Council

- Build a well-run organisation
- Ensure relentlessly reliable services
- Develop place-based partnerships

Empowering People

- Enable greater independence whilst protecting the most vulnerable
- Strengthen our services for all
- Intervene earlier

Inclusive Growth

- Develop our aspirational and affordable housing offer
- Shape great places and strong communities through regeneration
- Encourage enterprise and enable employment

Citizenship and Participation

- Harness culture and increase opportunity
- Encourage civic pride and social responsibility
- Strengthen partnerships, participation and a place-based approach

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MINUTES OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 1 July 2020
(5:00 - 6:42 pm)

Present: Cllr Jane Jones (Chair), Cllr Dorothy Akwaboah (Deputy Chair), Cllr Toni Bankole, Cllr Donna Lumsden, Cllr Olawale Martins, Cllr Simon Perry, Cllr Ingrid Robinson, Cllr Paul Robinson, Cllr Bill Turner and Cllr Phil Waker

Also Present: Cllr Dominic Twomey

5. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

6. Minutes - 3 June 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2020 were agreed.

7. 2019-20 Budget Outturn and Covid-19 Financial Impact

The Council's Finance Director presented a report on the Council's revenue and capital outturn position for 2019/20, which represented the expected final position for the year, subject to external audit.

In respect of the outturn position, the Finance Director explained that the General Fund revenue expenditure for the financial year was £157.931m and the final corporate income position was £154.741m, against the budget of £148.820m. Once transfers to reserves to reflect the carry forward of grants, income for specific purposes and monies held on behalf of partnership organisations had been taken into account, the net budget variance showed an overspend against the General Fund budget of £4.930m. The deficit would be funded from the Budget Support reserve account, leaving the overall General Fund reserve unaffected at £17.031m.

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) showed a projected year-end overspend of £1.625m, reducing the HRA reserve to £9.674m. The final outturn on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) was an overspend of £1.476m as a result of the pressures in the high needs block, which would be funded from the DSG reserve, taking it to £1.726m. With regard to the Capital Programme, the Director stated that of the total revised budget for 2019/20 of £401.930m, only £220.692m had been spent at the year end. He acknowledged that the extent of the slippage was excessive and explained that officers were working towards strengthening monitoring processes to ensure that potential delays were identified at the earliest opportunity and steps were taken to ensure that spend levels on the Capital Programme were maintained in the future.

The Director referred to the substantial impact of Covid-19 on the Council's finances, including the additional costs incurred to support the community response to the pandemic, the loss in income and the savings previously

identified, which could not now be implemented, as to do so would affect service delivery during a crucial time for residents.

In response to questions, the Finance Director stated that:

- Funding for rough sleeping was expected to come through from the Government at some stage; however, in the meantime, the Council would continue to support the homeless with accommodation;
- The Government had also announced £63m for local councils to take over the coordination of food parcels to the most vulnerable residents;
- A report to Cabinet later in the month on the Medium Term Financial Strategy would set out the latest position, as well as the implications for budget setting for the next financial year and the following three years;
- With regards to the impact of the pandemic on the Investment and Acquisition Strategy, some effects would be felt immediately, such as in the area of rental income. However, Be First (the Council's regeneration company) were of the view that the impact on their development programme would be relatively minimal. The biggest impact on development projects at the start of the lockdown was obtaining supplies, which was an issue faced across the building industry;
- The impact of Covid-19 on future local transport infrastructure was difficult to ascertain as this was funded by Transport for London and the Greater London Authority. However, it was presumed that improvement works already committed to would be delivered, although perhaps to a different timescale;
- The Secretary of State was due to speak at the Local Government Association conference tomorrow and was expected to announce a further emergency funding package for local government, although it was not known to what extent the funding would address the Council's budget gap;
- Some units containing flats developed by Be First were due to be sold just before the lockdown and, on a positive note, all those who had signed up to buy the units had continued with their purchase, leaving no units unsold. More generally speaking however, it was difficult to predict how the demand for flats would play out and the same could be said of services across the board. The Council was in the process of modelling future demand for services such as parking and leisure to ascertain the long-term financial impact of Covid-19; however, much depended on how accurate those assumptions were;
- The overspend for 2018/19 was £2.88m, subject to external audit;
- £12.1m of emergency funding and £11,000 for rough sleeping was the only funding that could be used to offset the cost of £41.4m incurred by the Council as a result of Covid-19. The remaining funding was ringfenced for specific purposes;
- The Council had identified approximately £26m of income loss as a result of the pandemic. Of that sum, approximately half related to a decrease in revenues expected in the current year from areas such as Council Tax and Business Rates. Other elements included income loss from fees and charges, a loss in commercial income as a result of deals that had been delayed or lease payments that had been postponed or reduced, and a decrease in dividends from the Council's subsidiaries. Furthermore, previously agreed savings of £12.7m for 2020/21 would not be implemented;

- With regards to the expenditure relating to the HRA classed in the report as 'supervision and management', officers would be happy to provide an explanation and detailed breakdown of this outside of the meeting;
- The £4.2m overspend in Repairs and Maintenance was due to a number of factors, including the mandatory rent decrease which reduced the income available to the HRA and cost inflation uplifts that were not included in the budget. Furthermore, My Place (the Council's asset management service) were liaising closely with the contractor to overcome contractual issues, working relationships and practices to facilitate better management of spend going forward. The four-year mandatory rent decrease had now ended which meant that, looking into the future, the HRA would be able to achieve a healthier position. Officers would provide a breakdown of the overspend to Members outside of the meeting; and
- There had been no obvious impact of the pandemic on the Council's finances in relation to houses in multiple occupation. However, the Government had announced that it would be making significant changes to planning law which were likely to allow commercial properties to be used for residential purposes without the need for planning permission. The local implications of this were yet to be analysed.

8. Scoping the Scrutiny of the Response to Covid-19

The Director of Policy and Partnerships presented a report on the potential scope of the scrutiny planned for the Committee's November 2020 meeting on the subject of the Council's response to Covid-19, following on from a high-level presentation on the subject to the meeting on 3 June 2020 (Minute 3 refers).

The Chair stated that following on from her discussions with the Cabinet Member for Community Leadership and Engagement, she felt it was important to include within the scope of the review the role and impact of BD Can (a network of support organisations in the Borough) and One Borough Voice, how the Council was taking advantage of the new ways of working in serving residents and concerns regarding the impact of Covid-19 on black and minority ethnic (BAME) communities.

Other issues that arose during Members' discussions were:

- That the convener of BD Can and other relevant participants be invited to the Committee's November meeting to outline the successes and the lessons learnt from the community response to the pandemic;
- To ensure accountability, it was important to distinguish between the different providers of the services being scrutinised;
- During the initial part of the lockdown, it was felt that the information coming through to councillors on how the Council was responding, as well as what they could do to support their constituents, could have been clearer. It was recognised, however, that there had been recent improvements in communication in that regard;
- The scope of the review should also include an analysis of 'pent-up' demand for services and the Council's plans and timelines for addressing that demand. Members cited the example of the demand for non-urgent housing repairs and, in that regard, felt that the Council should be clearer in its messages to tenants as to which issues were considered an 'emergency' or 'urgent' and those which

were not.

The Chair asked the Director of Policy and Partnerships to update the scope of the scrutiny in line with Members' comments.

9. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee's draft Work Programme 2020/21

The Chair introduced the Committee's draft Work Programme for 2020-21 which listed potential items for the Committee's consideration in the current municipal year and reflected her view that it was vitally important to utilise the remaining meetings to consider the response to Covid-19 and influence the direction of the Council during these unprecedented times.

Other influences on the draft Work Programme were discussions with Cabinet Members, as she felt it was important for the Cabinet and the Committee to work closely together, while the remaining items related to monitoring progress against recommendations from previous scrutiny reviews and issues which had been deferred from the last municipal year. The Chair also clarified that the Council's Corporate Plan had not been included in the draft Work Programme as Members had received a briefing on it outside of the Committee.

Members were pleased to see the inclusion of Early Help services and the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub in the Work Programme and asked that a report on outcomes relating to Looked After Children also be included.

Members also commented on the potential disproportionate impact of the pandemic on children and young people's education in the Borough, compared to more affluent boroughs. It was agreed that a report on the issue be included in the Work Programme, outlining how the Borough's education providers planned to mitigate the impact and the School Improvement Partnership's role in supporting them through that process.

The Director of Policy and Partnerships stated that the Corporate Plan was in the process of being reviewed in light of the current climate, to ensure that the priorities identified within it were the most appropriate and could be delivered. He suggested that there was potential for it to be included in the Work Programme and that it may help to give some context to the reports scheduled for the latter part of the municipal year, responding to a number of recommendations arising from the scrutiny review into Ambition 2020 and its early impact. The Director also stated that the work to understand the impact on BAME communities had been started and that perhaps the Committee could receive an initial report at its November 2020 meeting, with a more detailed update in March 2021.

The Chair asked officers to review and update the Work Programme to reflect the above comments.

10. Scrutiny Review - Ambition 2020 and its Early Impact

Further to Minute 4 (3 June 2020), the Chair presented the proposed final version of the report arising from the Committee's Scrutiny Review on 'Ambition 2020 and its Early Impact'.

At the previous meeting, Members had been asked to email any comments they had on the draft final report to the Chair and relevant officers due to limitations on time. The Chair confirmed that a Member had put forward comments on the draft report, most of which were non-contentious, and that the report had been updated accordingly. However, the Member had also suggested the addition of the following two new recommendations to the report:

- i. There should be an analysis of the total costs of the Council's companies and efficiency measures that can be benchmarked with other options. This should include:
 - comparisons of the overall running costs of the companies with the cost of running the same services when in the Council;
 - a summary of income that comes from the Council and a summary of non-council income, and
 - a comparison of charges to both the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account departments made previously before the companies were set-up, and the charges as they are now;and
- ii. On a quarterly basis, a summary of the number of flats and houses available for bidding each week to those on the Housing List, by bedroom size, be supplied to the Committee (and any Members that request, be copied in). This should include a five-year running comparison graph to show the long-term trend.

In respect of the first suggested recommendation, the Chair stated that the Council's companies compiled cost and efficiency information and reported it to the Shareholder Panel as a matter of course and to include the recommendation in the scrutiny review report was likely to lead to duplication. However, to provide reassurance on the issue and as a more appropriate way forward, the Chair had asked officers to add what was now recommendation three to the report, namely that "officers provide assurance to the Committee that there are systems, principles and strategies in place to ensure that the Council gets best value from the companies commissioned to deliver services".

With regard to the second suggested recommendation, the Chair felt unsure as to the value or influence the Committee could add by requesting the information, which were important considerations generally but particularly at the current time when the Committee had to prioritise the impact and response to Covid-19. She also felt that as several recommendations had been made around Housing under Key Line of Enquiry 4 of the scrutiny review report, there were potential opportunities for any concerns around properties offered to those on the Housing List to be discussed when officers reported back on those recommendations later in the year. She was minded, therefore, not to include the second suggested recommendation within the report.

The Chair, having explained her views, asked the Member who had put forward the two suggested recommendations to explain his reasoning so that Members could reach a balanced conclusion.

Following further discussions, the Committee agreed that recommendation three of the proposed final version of the report was the preferred way to address the

concerns underpinning the Member's first suggested recommendation. With regards to the second suggested recommendation, it was felt that the Member could seek this information by way of raising a Member's enquiry and it was not necessary, therefore, to include it in the scrutiny review report. It was acknowledged that should any response to the Member's enquiry raise concerns which warranted the involvement of the Committee, the matter should be raised with the Chair with a view to potentially including the matter in the Committee's Work Programme.

The Committee **resolved** to approve the final report entitled 'Ambition 2020 and its Early Impact' as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9 September 2020

Title: Air Quality Action Plan	
Report of the Cabinet Member of Enforcement and Community Safety	
Open Report	For Information
Wards Affected: All	Key Decision: No
Report Author: Theo Lamptey, Service Manager Public Protection	Contact Details: Tel: 0208 227 5655 E-mail: theo.lamptey@lbbd.gov.uk
Accountable Director: Andy Opie, Operational Director of Enforcement and Community Safety	
Accountable Strategic Leadership Director: Fiona Taylor, Director of Law and Governance	
<p>Summary</p> <p>Every Local Authority that has an active Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) is required under Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1995 to provide an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) to address the identified areas of poor air quality in the Borough.</p> <p>The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's (LBBd) existing AQAP is significantly out of date; the last AQAP was adopted in 2008 and should be revised every 5 years maximum. The AQAP will be prepared following consultation with key internal and external stakeholders who play a major part in improving air quality in Barking and Dagenham. Once adopted, the AQAP will set out our objectives to improve air quality between 2020 – 2025.</p> <p>This report provides an overview of the current position in respect of air quality in Barking and Dagenham and highlights what the key areas and actions that are to be considered in the AQAP to improve air quality. A presentation will be delivered at the meeting to provide the most up to date picture.</p>	
<p>Recommendation(s)</p> <p>That Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:</p> <p>(i) Note the progress on the development of the AQAP and the process and timetable by which the draft AQAP will be agreed prior to consultation and then for final approval.</p>	
<p>Reason(s)</p> <p>Air pollution is a public health and environmental issue. Working to improve air quality is linked to the Council's 2nd Priority, Theme 2 "Empowering People" whereby the actions undertaken to reduce pollution and human exposure to pollution are underpinned by the principles of protecting the most vulnerable people.</p>	

Air pollution is linked to the development of chronic and respiratory illness. Local air pollution affects all populations however it also disproportionately affects the young, old and those with existing health conditions (e.g., respiratory and heart).

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Barking and Dagenham suffers from some of the worst pollution in London. At the advice of Council officers in 2008, Cabinet agreed to adopt an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) due to exceedances of legal limits for Nitrogen Dioxide and Particulate Matter. This AQMA is still adopted to date for the same pollutants.
- 1.2 The health impacts of air pollution are increasingly well understood. Air quality is increasingly being framed as a public health issue, as well as (or even superseding its status as) an environmental issue. This, as well as recent national court cases and the threat of legal action on Government for not achieving the legal limits, has helped push the issue of air quality higher up the national and local agenda.
- 1.3 LBBD's Local Implementation Plan, published January 2019, demonstrates that air quality is part of the 8 key objectives and 4 priority themes. The Borough Manifesto sets out the long-term vision for Barking and Dagenham with key priorities including the need to promote healthy, sustainable travel and to create better streets and places. The Council has integrated air quality into various Council strategy documents such as the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, The Local Plan – Core Strategy, Economic Growth Strategy and The Development Management Policies.
- 1.4 On 29 January 2020, Members declared a Climate Emergency in recognition that Barking and Dagenham needs to reduce greenhouse gas and carbon emissions and help meet national targets for the UK to attain net zero carbon by 2050. Local air pollution and climate change are directly linked in respect to atmospheric emissions being released from the combustion of fossil fuels and the negative effects on the environment and human health. They are also directly linked by energy use and sustainability.

2. Air Quality in Barking and Dagenham

- 2.1 In Barking and Dagenham levels of the noxious gas Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) are above legal limits set by EU Directives and enshrined in UK law. The other key pollutant of concern in Barking and Dagenham, and London, is Particulate Matter (PM). Barking and Dagenham currently meets EU Objective levels for PM₁₀; however, there is no safe level or concentration of these pollutants where there is no adverse impact on health, so as a Council we are trying to reduce PM levels as far as possible.
- 2.2 PM_{2.5} is particulate dust sizes less than 2.5 micrometres in diameter and are also part of UK law. This pollutant has further raised the local air pollution agenda into the environmental/public health spotlight due to the scientific evidence that this pollutant has significant negative impacts to human health. The fraction of mortality attributable to Particulate Matter in Barking and Dagenham is 6.8%, which is above the mean of 6.5% for all local authorities in London (2017, PHE). Barking and Dagenham has the 6th highest rate of asthma related hospital admissions in London.

- 2.3 The main sources of local air pollution in Barking and Dagenham are emissions from road transport, the existing building stock (mostly gas combustion) and from new development (demolition and construction). Road transport accounts for around 47% of NO₂ emissions and 19% PM₁₀ emissions; commercial and domestic heating is the source of around a quarter of NO₂ emissions, while PM emissions are produced in larger amounts by construction work (approximately 41%).
- 2.4 Three (3no.) Air Quality Focus Areas have been declared by the GLA within Barking and Dagenham. Air Quality Focus Areas are geographic locations that exceed the NO₂ legal annual mean limit value and are locations with high human exposure. A map showing the locations of these Air Quality Focus Areas and modelled concentrations of NO₂ from vehicle emissions is provided in the Appendix of this report.
- 2.5 Air quality monitoring in LBBD is undertaken by two automatic monitoring stations located in Rush Green Primary School and in Scratton's Farm Eco-Park. Environmental Protection has recently re-instated a relatively low cost NO_x diffusion tube network which are placed at borough-wide roadside locations to assess the most polluted roads. A total of ten NO_x diffusion tubes have been placed at the following locations:
- Ripple Road Primary School, Barking
 - Westminster Gardens, Barking (near the A13)
 - Scrattons Terrace (near the A13)
 - Dagenham Heathway (near train station)
 - Porters Avenue/Parsloes Avenue/Wood Lane Junction
 - Rush Green Primary School (triplicate tube location)
 - Whalebone Lane North
 - Eastern Avenue West (near A12)

The diffusion tubes will provide the Council monthly roadside concentrations of Nitrogen Dioxide which will then provide an annual average measurement required for annual reporting and monitoring purposes.

- 2.6 This report updates the Committee on the progress of the Council's forthcoming Draft AQAP 2020 – 2025 and the potential action planning that the Council could consider delivering as part of its commitment to lower local air pollution and improve public health.

3. **Health Impacts**

- 3.1 Negative health impacts would likely increase within the local community should an AQAP not be adopted by Cabinet and actions not taken by the Council to minimise and mitigate Council activities. If adopted, the AQAP will have a direct and indirect positive affect on the local community by working towards lowering air pollution concentrations and increasing public knowledge/information of the need to consider pollution effects on their health.

4. The Air Quality Steering Group

4.1 Interdepartmental meetings are held on a quarterly basis within an Air Quality Steering Group, chaired by Director of Enforcement and Community Safety which includes attendees from relevant Council departments that are responsible for agreeing and delivering actions within an adopted AQAP. The Environmental Protection is currently preparing the AQAP 2020 - 2025 to replace the current AQAP (adopted 2008).

4.2 The Steering Group has agreed a preliminary draft AQAP. The AQAP actions have been grouped into six categories:

- Reducing Emissions from developments and buildings
- Increasing of both public health and air quality awareness
- Reducing Emissions from delivery servicing and freight
- Reducing Emissions from Council owned vehicles i.e. Borough fleet actions
- Engaging of localised solutions
- The use of cleaner transport

4.3 The action table contains:

- A list of the potential actions that form part of the plan
- The responsible departments/organisations who will deliver the action(s)
- Expected benefit in terms of emissions and concentration reduction where possible
- The timescale for implementation, and
- Details of how progress will be monitored.

4.4 The Steering Group will continue to meet to oversee the development and implementation of the AQAP, and it is vital that there is ongoing representation and across the Council services.

4.5 Suggested list of Stakeholders

The list below highlights some of the stakeholders who would be considered as key stakeholders and would provide a pivotal role in the delivery of the AQAP.

- Environmental Protection (Environmental Health)
- Public Health
- Be First - Regeneration
- Legal Services
- My Place including Housing, Public Realm
- Transport Planning and Policy including Development Management
- Inclusive Growth
- Fleet Services
- Parking Services
- Residents
- GLA
- TfL
- Department for Transport (for LIP funding)

5. Proposal and Issues

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Draft AQAP follows the 6 recommended themes provided by the GLA which utilises the levers that are under Borough controls to improve air quality (as given in section 4.2 of this report). The 6 themes contain a number of actions for boroughs to consider delivering locally as part of their action planning.
- 5.2 It is proposed that the Cabinet will agree to the adoption of the AQAP 2020 – 2025, and to be finalised this year by the Steering Group meetings. The external consultation will start from 28 September to 13 November.
- 5.3 It is a statutory requirement that an AQAP be produced for declared Air Quality Management Areas.

6. Options Appraisal

- 6.1 The option to approve the preparation of the AQAP in accordance with the GLA's recommended matrix would aid planning and delivering of the AQAP within Steering Group meetings.
- 6.2 The option not to approve the preparation of the AQAP in this way would mean that the planning and delivery would need to be revised and different actions considered. This would likely have a serious impact on achieving delivery of the AQAP for adoption by the end of calendar year 2020.

7. Consultation

- 7.1 The Draft AQAP 2020 – 2025 has undergone initial internal consultation within LBBD departments, arranged through the Steering Group meetings which is chaired by Andy Opie, Director of Enforcement and Community Safety for the purpose of the internal consultation is to establish and agree the actions that each department will be responsible for delivering and reporting on progress once adopted.
- 7.2 The draft AQAP is in the process of being drafted. It will be taken to key Cabinet Members for comments and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will also be circulated a draft version once prepared. Comments will be considered, and the draft plan reviewed prior to external consultation from the end of September 2020.
- 7.3 The Council has a statutory duty to consult with a range of bodies such as the Environmental Agency, Greater London Authority (GLA), Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra), Transport for London (TfL) and the Borough's residents, businesses and neighbouring boroughs.
- 7.4 The draft AQAP will be subject to an 8 weeks public consultation period and it is proposed to use an online questionnaire which will be available in an accessible format.
- 7.5 Comments received during the statutory consultation will be collated and incorporate into a final draft AQAP 2020 – 2025 for Cabinet consideration and adoption in December 2020.

8. Timetable for Progression

8.1 The proposed delivery timeframe for the draft AQAP as follows:

- Report of the draft AQAP to CSG – 20 August 2020
- 3rd AQ Steering group meeting to finalise agreed actions – 1 September 2020
- Present the draft AQAP to key Cabinet Members 20 Aug to 8 Sept
- Present a report to OSC to update on progress – 9 September 2020
- The draft AQAP for public consultation – end September until Mid Nov 2020 (8 weeks)
- Present the draft action plan report following public consultation to CSG for Cabinet consideration and adoption – late Nov 2020
- Present the final draft AQAP to Cabinet - December 2020

8.2 Any decision to adopt the AQAP must be taken by Cabinet and then to Assembly.

9. Financial Implications

Implications completed by David Folorunso – Finance Business Partner

9.1 There are no direct cost implications for this decision and any agreed actions will be funded from the existing agreed budgets for the service area. If additional actions are required to improve the air quality, the funding sources will need to be identified.

10. Legal Implications

Implications completed by Deirdre Collins, Senior Lawyer Litigation Team

10.1 Air quality standards and objectives are set out in the Air Quality (England) Regulations 2000. The Council has a duty to review the quality of air within their area under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995.

10.2 The action plan must include the time(s) within which the Council proposes to implement its measures and include proposals submitted by the Mayor of London for the exercise of the Mayor's powers.

10.3 The Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs, in conjunction with Public Health England and Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety have published the Clean Air Strategy in May 2018

11. Other Implications

11.1 **Staffing Issues** – The proposed actions in the Draft AQAP 2020 -2025 do not have a direct significant negative impact on existing and future staff or staffing levels. Existing staff resource in Public Protection is well placed to finalise and deliver the AQAP. Internal departments responsible for agreed actions will be adequately resourced by existing and future staff and staffing levels. As part of the Steering

Group Meetings, key departmental contacts attend and agree how that department can commit resources to actions.

11.2 Corporate Policy and Equality Impact –

The Borough Manifesto, Theme 5 ‘Health and Social Care’ and Theme 7 ‘Environment’ are addressed by the Draft AQAP and the actions to reduce local air pollution.

Adoption of the Draft AQAP will improve:

- The short, medium- and long-term health of those who live, work and visit the borough
- Breaking down disproportionate health inequalities within the borough both geographically and demographically
- More sustainable travel modes which in turn has direct and indirect positive changes in transport efficiencies and economic productivity
Delivery of cleaner air does not prejudice economic growth, and
- Lowering greenhouse gas and carbon emissions which in turn contributes towards LBBD corporate carbon reduction targets.

11.3 Safeguarding Adults and Children –

The link between health inequalities and pollution is complex; however, studies show that the greatest burden of air pollution usually falls on the most vulnerable in the population, particularly the young and elderly and those with existing health conditions that are exacerbated by pollution.

Adoption of the Draft AQAP would positively improve the health the most vulnerable persons at risk of air pollution including the adults and children. Agreed actions in the AQAP would target emission sources and increase the public’s protection to air pollution exposure.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

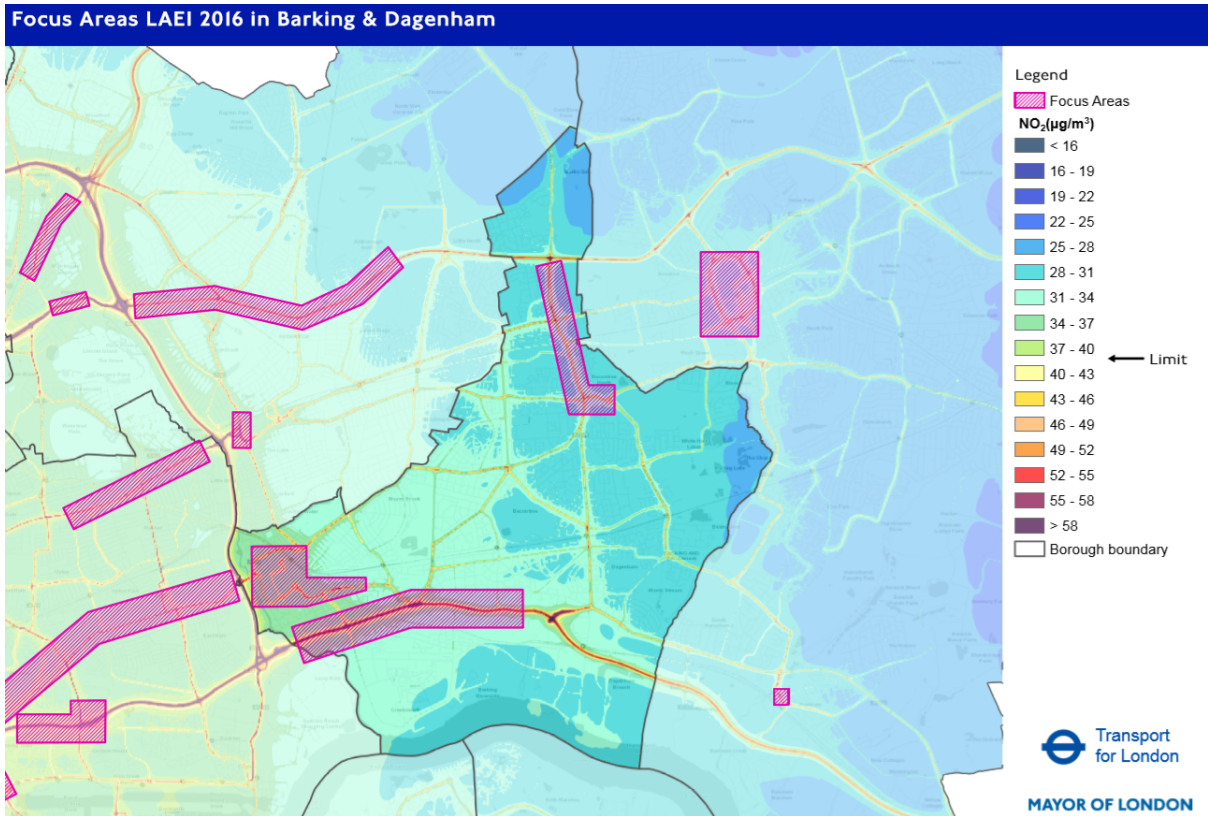
The GLA’s ‘Borough Air Quality Action Matrix’, published in June 2017 can be accessed on:

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/air_quality_action_matrix.pdf

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Appendix 1 – Greater London Authority Focus Areas in Barking and Dagenham

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**9 September 2020**

Title: Update on the Scrutiny Review on Ambition 2020 and its Early Impact	
Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer	
Open Report	For noting
Wards Affected: None	Key Decision: No
Report Author: Masuma Ahmed, Principal Governance Officer	Contact Details: Tel: 020 8227 2756 E-mail: masuma.ahmed@lbbd.gov.uk
Accountable Strategic Leadership Director: Mark Tyson, Director of Policy & Partnerships and Statutory Scrutiny Officer	
Summary	
<p>On 9 October 2019, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) agreed to undertake an in-depth scrutiny review on Ambition 2020 and its early impact (minute 20 refers). Between then and February 2020, Committee Members took part in a number of formal and informal meetings to scrutinise four key lines of enquiry forming the basis of the review and make recommendations for improvements.</p> <p>At the 1 July 2020 OSC meeting, the proposed final version of the report to arise from this scrutiny review was presented and agreed (minute 10 refers).</p> <p>This report is to confirm that the 24 recommendations made in the scrutiny review report have been agreed by officers and an action plan is currently being developed by officers to outline to the Committee how the recommendations will be progressed and by when. The updated Action Plan will be presented to the Committee at its meeting on 7 October 2020.</p>	
Recommendation(s)	
The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note this report.	
Reason(s)	
This report confirms that the recommendations made by the Committee's scrutiny review into Ambition 2020 have been accepted by officers.	

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report: None.**List of appendices:** None.

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Work Programme 2020/21

Please ensure your report is cleared by the relevant internal board and includes legal and financial implications

Meeting	Agenda Items	Officer(s)	Cabinet Member/Presenter	CSG Deadline	Governance Service's Deadline
7 October	Initial Action Plan for recommendations arising from scrutiny review on Ambition 2020	Mark Tyson to coordinate	Various	10 September	10am, Monday 21 September
	How are employment services building resilience?	Rachel Laurence	Cllr S Bright		
	Monitoring Report on 2019 Public Realm Scrutiny Review Recommendations	Lisa Keating	Cllr Ghani		
	Work Programme	Masuma Ahmed			
4 November	Covid-19 Financial update: Income & Expenditure	Philip Gregory	Cllr Twomey	8 October	10am, Monday 19 October
	Covid-19 update Part 2 - to reflect the scope agreed on 1 July 2020 and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Role and Impact of BD Can and One Borough Voice ii. How is the Council taking advantage of the new ways of 	Mark Tyson to coordinate	Various		

	<p>working in the way it serves residents?</p> <p>iii. Impact on equalities and diversity</p> <p>Work Programme</p>	Masuma Ahmed			
2 December	<p>How we work with residents affected by Capital Works?</p> <p>The Council's Corporate Plan</p> <p>Work Programme</p>	<p>Graeme Cooke</p> <p>Mark Tyson</p> <p>Masuma Ahmed</p>	<p>Cllr Geddes</p> <p>Cllr Twomey</p>	12 November	10am, Monday 16 November
6 January	<p>Monitoring Report 1 on Progress of A2020 Scrutiny Recommendations – KLOE 1, 2 and 3</p> <p>Children's Care and Support:</p> <p>i. MASH Annual Report and update (since it moved from ComSol),</p> <p>ii. Early Help update on Ofsted Improvement Plan</p> <p>iii. Update on the key issues in looked after children's services and</p> <p>iv. Report requested by recommendation 7 of A2020 Scrutiny Review</p>	<p>Hilary Morris, Meena Kishinani, Graeme Cooke, Elaine Allegretti and Mark Fowler</p> <p>Elaine Allegretti</p>	<p>Cllr Twomey</p> <p>Cllr Worby</p>	10 December	10am, Monday 14 December

	Disabilities – specialisms Work Programme	Elaine Allegretti Masuma Ahmed	Cllr Worby		
3 February	Monitoring Report 2 on Progress of A2020 Scrutiny Recommendations – KLOE 4 (including a wider report on delivering a Zero-Carbon B&D and Draft B&D Action Plan on Climate Change) Report requested by recommendation 12 of A2020 Scrutiny Review – Impact of change to Reside’s eligibility threshold Response Times and Clear Up Rates with the Borough Commander Work Programme	Graeme Cook Kristian Melgaard, Reside Andy Opie Masuma Ahmed	Cllr Geddes Cllr Geddes Cllr Mullane	14 January	10am, Monday 18 January
3 March	Covid-19 Financial update: Savings Work Programme	Philip Gregory Masuma Ahmed	Cllr Twomey	11 February	10am, Monday 15 February
31 March	Supporting elderly residents – 1) reducing isolation 2) support when discharged from hospital Recovering from the impact on education outcomes of Covid-19 Work Programme	Elaine Allegretti Jane Hargreaves Masuma Ahmed	Cllr Worby Cllr Carpenter	11 March	10am, Monday 15 March

<p>12 May</p>	<p>Probation Services (to include reoffending)</p> <p>Impact of Covid-19 on BAME communities</p> <p>Work Programme</p>	<p>Andy Opie</p> <p>Mark Tyson to coordinate</p> <p>Masuma Ahmed</p>	<p>Cllr Mullane</p>	<p>8 April</p>	<p>10am, Monday 19 April</p>
<p><i>First meeting of 2021/22 - 9 June 2021</i></p>	<p>TBC</p>				<p>10am, Monday 24 May</p>