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691/16

Executive Decision Record

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A1 Service Area:

Regulatory Services

A2 Title

Provision of permission for an Automatic Urban Rural Network (AURN) air quality monitoring station

A3 Decision Taken By

Deputy Leader

A4 Chief Officer

Paul Costiff

A5 Leader/Deputy Leader

Cllr Jacqui Jones

A6 Date of Decision

18/7/16

A7 Is this Decision confidential by containing exempt information as described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972?

No

A7.1 If yes, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972.

n/a

A8 Which Scrutiny Committee should this decision be submitted to?

(please tick as appropriate)

Scrutiny (Promoting Local Economic Growth) Committee

Scrutiny (Value for Money Council Services) Committee

Scrutiny (Protecting and Strengthening Communities) Committee

B1 What is the Decision?

To give permission to Bureau Veritas who are acting on behalf of DEFRA to locate an AURN monitoring station on Council land at Shakespeare Road, Burton as part of an extension to the National Air Quality Network.

B2 What are the reasons for the Decision?

To support government policy on air quality to meet European Directives and provide local background air quality data for Burton upon Trent.

B3 What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?

Protecting & strengthening communities through supporting Council policies for improving and maintaining air quality within the Borough.

B4 What are the Human Rights considerations?

There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision

B5 What are the financial implications?

There are no financial issues arising from this decision. There is no cost to the Council of hosting the automatic monitoring station on our land.

Revenue	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18

Capital	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18

B6 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's policy framework?

Yes

B7 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's budget?

Yes

B8 What are the Equalities implications?

B8.1 An equality impact assessment is not required.

B9 What are the Risk Assessment implications?**B9.1** Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):

- The Council will be supporting the Government's policy on air quality and the national air quality network.
- Having the air quality monitoring station in Burton will help provide monitoring information for our local air quality policies at no cost.
- Aid consultants in producing accurate air quality assessments for planning applications.
- Will be seen as a positive step towards tackling air quality.

B9.2 Negative (Threats):

- The Council will not be able to use to piece of land where the automatic station will be located for the duration of it being there. Any Agreement with Bureau Veritas/Defra will need to include a Condition where the Council retains the right to remove the automatic station at no cost to ourselves within a reasonable notice period (3 months).

B9.3 The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register

B10 What are the Legal Considerations?

B10.1 There are no significant legal issues arising from this decision

B11 What are the Sustainability implications?

B11.1 The proposal would result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures). The positive/negative impacts are set out below (*please refer to guidance notes*).

B11.2 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):
Helping maintain and improve local air quality.

B11.3 Negative (Threats):
None

B12 What are the Health & Safety implications?

B12.1 A Risk Assessment has not been carried out and entered into Harriet for all significant hazards and risks because there are no significant hazards or risks arising from this decision.

B13. Is this a Key Decision?

No

Note A Key Executive Decision is one where:

1. **REVENUE** – Any contract or proposal with an annual payment or saving of more than £100,000
2. **CAPITAL** – Any capital project with a value in excess of £150,000
3. A decision which significantly affects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.

NOTE: If this decision is subject to the Call-in Procedure it will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 3 working days after publication – unless 10 Members of the Council call in the decision.

Please send the original signed document to Andrea Davies, Democratic Services.

The Automatic Urban & Rural Network (AURN)

The AURN is the UK's largest automatic monitoring network and is the main network used for compliance reporting against the Ambient Air Quality Directives. It includes automatic air quality monitoring stations measuring oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), sulphur dioxide (SO_2), ozone (O_3), carbon monoxide (CO) and particles (PM_{10} , $\text{PM}_{2.5}$). These sites provide high resolution hourly information which is communicated rapidly to the public, using a wide range of electronic, media and web platforms.



Proposed location:



The major objectives of the network are as follows:

- Checking if statutory air quality standards and targets are met (e.g. EC Directives);
- Informing the public about air quality;
- Providing information for local air quality review and assessments within the UK Air Quality Strategy;
- Identifying long-term trends in air pollution concentrations; and
- Assessing the effectiveness of policies to control pollution.

The data from the AURN are used for:

- Reporting to the EU Commission against Air Quality Directives
- Comparison with air quality objectives as laid out in the Air Quality Strategy
- Providing the public with information through air quality bulletins
- Forecasting future air quality levels
- Policy development for human health and ecosystem protection
- The European Monitoring & Evaluation Programme (EMEP)
- The UK Local Air Quality Management regime under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995
- National Indicators on environmental quality