



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

TUESDAY 5TH JULY 2022

AT 6.00 P.M.

PARKSIDE SUITE - PARKSIDE

MEMBERS: Councillors C.A. Hotham (Chairman), S. J. Baxter, A. J. B. Beaumont, S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, R. J. Hunter, H. J. Jones, A. D. Kriss, P. M. McDonald, C. J. Spencer and J. Till (Vice-Chairman)

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence and Named Substitutes**
2. **Declarations of Interest and Whipping Arrangements**

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests.
3. **To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 30th May 2022 (Pages 1 - 12)**
4. **Air Quality Annual Update (Pages 13 - 40)**
5. **Housing Enforcement Powers in the Private Rented Sector (Pages 41 - 42)**

6. **Finance and Budget Working Group - Update**
7. **Task Group Updates**
8. **Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Update**
9. **Cabinet Work Programme (Pages 43 - 58)**

The latest version of the Cabinet Work Programme will be published in a Supplementary Papers pack once it has been published online on 1st July 2022.

10. **Overview and Scrutiny Board Work Programme (Pages 59 - 66)**

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27th June 2022

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BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

MONDAY 30TH MAY 2022, AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors C.A. Hotham (Chairman), J. Till (Vice-Chairman), S. J. Baxter, A. J. B. Beaumont, S. R. Colella, A. D. Kriss, P. M. McDonald and C. J. Spencer (present during minute no 1/2022 to minute no. 7/2022)

Observers: Councillor G. N. Denaro (on Microsoft Teams) and Councillor K. J. May and Mr. K. Judd (on Microsoft Teams) (Power BI Project Developer)

Officers: Ms. D. Poole (on Microsoft Teams), Mr J. Howse, Mr P. Carpenter (on Microsoft Teams), Mrs. R. Bamford (on Microsoft Teams), Ms. T. Beech (on Microsoft Teams) and Mr O. Paparega (on Microsoft Teams).

1/2022

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

A nomination for the position of Chairman was received in respect of Councillor C. Hotham.

RESOLVED that Councillor C. Hotham be appointed as Chairman of the Board for the ensuing municipal year.

2/2022

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

A nomination for the position of Vice Chairman was received in respect of Councillor J. Till.

RESOLVED that Councillor J. Till be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Board for the ensuing municipal year.

3/2022

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Deeming, R. Hunter and H. Jones. There were no named substitutes in attendance.

4/2022

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS

There were no declarations of interest nor whipping arrangements on this occasion.

5/2022

TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD HELD ON 25TH APRIL 2022

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 25th April 2022 were considered. It was highlighted that Councillor H. Jones, had not been present and her apologies, although given had not been recorded. Officers confirmed that this would be amended.

RESOLVED that subject to the pre-amble above, the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 25th April 2022 be agreed as a true and correct record.

6/2022

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE UPDATE - PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD

The Chairman welcomed Ms. D. Poole, Head of Transformation, Organisational Development and Digital Strategy, Ms. T. Beech, Policy Officer and Mr. K. Judd, a Power BI Project Developer who is assisting in the development of the new dashboard.

Ms. Poole explained that the current legacy dashboard had a number of technical limitations and a project had been set up to replace this with a modern more up to date dashboard through Power BI, which would improve access to data and the decision-making process. It would initially concentrate on the strategic measures in line with the Council Plan, touching on operational measures as part of the ongoing design. Details of the stages which would lead to the full implementation of the project were provided, and it was further explained that by using Microsoft Power BI which had much more functionality it would allow for the data to be interrogated in a more useful and meaningful way.

Mr. Judd went on to give a presentation showing the development of the dashboard to date and how it was envisaged it would be used. The detailed presentation covered the following areas:

- An overview of how the dashboard would look and how the data could be analysed in greater detail.

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- The option to make some areas of the dashboard public and the need for Power BI Licenses.
- The use of internal data and what value this would add – it was demonstrated as to how this could be broken down into greater detail and the view changed to suit the users' needs.
- The visual interaction of the information – including the use of comments to support the data.
- The inclusion of a help button to support the user and guide them through the functionality of the dashboard.
- Mr. Judd used an example of Crime figures, although these were nationally available the dashboard allowed for these to be broken down into more detail, which was relevant to each particular Ward area.
- In respect of operational measures an example of data for fly tipping was provided and this again could be broken down into specific Place Teams and locations.
- Work was currently underway to understand what additional data could help with further analysis.

Following the presentation, the Chairman invited Councillor G. Denaro, as the relevant Portfolio Holder to comment. He said the information that the dashboard would provide would be very useful and the ability to drill down to specific Wards was very positive. Members went on to discuss a number of areas in more detail and officers responded to a number of questions. This included:

- Concerns around some areas (such as the crime records) being duplicated, as these were already available and what actions could be taken once they had the data. Officers advised that although it was national data it would be made more accessible and used to see if it had any bearing on the services offered – this could be analysed in more detail and provide more value to officers in shaping the services provided. It was useful to understand crime rates and to be able to support specific communities affected.
- The Head of Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development commented that the data in respect of housing would be used for monitoring purposes in line with the Local Plan and to ensure that the Council was meeting its objectives. It would also be used to check delivery and included within the annual monitoring report that was completed.
- The cost of the dashboard was also considered – it was noted that a license would cost approximately £68 each. The aim would

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be to keep the cost to a minimum and the cost of developing the dashboard was officer time and within the existing budget.

- Members asked for a more detail costing for officer time and Ms. Poole agreed to provide this outside of the meeting.
- Concerns were raised that if all Members were to have a license, then this would be a significant annual cost to the Council. It was suggested that it could be limited to the equipment available for Members' use in the Members' Room, if necessary.
- The Executive Director, Finance and Resources confirmed that the dashboard was currently in its development phase and the scope of it was being built, the resources to fund it and the final costs would be considered in the later stage and be subject to further consideration.
- It was questioned whether the officer time spent on the dashboard's development had impacted on other areas of work within the Council.
- It appeared to be a good system and the importance of being what sat behind the data was discussed. As it was acknowledged that the integrity of the data was paramount to its success and the importance of that data to prevent future problems and make the Council work more effectively.
- The system's interaction with other systems within the Council in order to extract data was discussed.
- It was suggested that a link to an officer within the information provided on the dashboard would also be useful in order to be able to get a more immediate response when a concern or query was raised.
- It was suggested that operational data would be more important for Members - although it was accepted that currently it was focused on strategic measures in line with the Council Plan and that operational measures would be part of the longer term plan for the dashboard.

Ms. Poole confirmed that it was helpful to get feedback from Members and she was happy for any Members to contact her with views and ideas moving forwards. The provision of training for users was discussed and it was hoped that this would be minimal as the system was counter intuitive and guidance, as previously demonstrated, would be provided on screen. Mr. Judd explained that they had already used an officer as a "guinea pig" to help understand what was needed from any training, and this was likely to be at an informal level and currently light touch, but further input was needed to confirm this.

In respect of timescales for implementation of the dashboard it was confirmed that as many areas of the Council as possible would be included at each stage and it was anticipated that it would be rolled out to officers and Councillors by the end of the year. Concerns were raised again about the cost of the development of the dashboard and the importance of the Council ensuring it was value for money. The Executive Director, Finance and Resources reassured Members that it was currently being managed within budget, but this would be monitored on a regular basis.

Ms. Poole confirmed that the current dashboard remained in place and that the new system would replace that system. The previous system was still available but was over a decade old and technically no longer fit for purpose. The new system would use more modern tools for accessing data.

The Chairman thanked the officers for their presentation and hoped the dashboard would be as successful as it appeared. He also asked for the costings to be provided as detailed in the discussions.

7/2022

LEVELLING UP PHASE 1 FUNDING - PRE-SCRUTINY

The Chairman welcomed officers and Mr. P. Carpenter, Interim Head of Finance and Customer Services introduced the report. He explained that it was largely a financial report and that Mrs. Bamford, Head of Planning, Regeneration and Leisure Services and Mr. O. Paparega, Head of North Worcestershire Economic Development (NWEDR) had input in respect of the operational side.

Mr. Carpenter provided a reminder in respect of the background to the report and provided an update on progress to date. This included an extension of the deadline by one year and the purchase of Windsor Street site at the end of the previous financial year. The report requested delegated authority to the Head of Planning, Regeneration and Leisure Services in order to spend up to budgeted sum of £2.266m on the demolition of the Windsor Street site and the engagement of a design and build contractor for the Market Hall site. Members attention was drawn to paragraph 3.6 of the report and the indicative timetable, which Government had extended to 2024/25. It was also noted that formal monitoring was required on a 6 monthly basis.

The Leader provided further details around the award of the Levelling Up funds and it being fundamental to further development across the District. Bromsgrove had received a higher level of funding than other

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areas in the county and it was important that the Windsor Street site, which had remained unoccupied for over 2 years was developed as soon as possible.

Following presentation of the report Members discussed a number of areas and officers responded to questions – this included:

- Clarification in respect of the total cost as detailed at paragraph 3.10 of the report and whether this included the purchase price of the Windsor Street site. Officers confirmed that it did include the acquisition cost of the site.
- Details around the Market Hall site and the high level proposals for it were also discussed – these had been provided within the report considered by Cabinet in January 2022. It was confirmed that key stakeholders and organisations would be consulted on the final proposals. There had already been initial research carried out locally to gauge potential interest.
- The type of use and operating models were yet to be finalised and reviews of similar sites and hubs would be considered as part of that process.
- The procurement process would follow the normal procedure followed by the Council and advertised as any other contact would be, so there was the potential for local contractors to apply if they so wished.
- It was noted that the organisational chart within the report needed to be updated.
- Concerns were raised in respect of the inclusion of the amount of £2.266m within recommendation 2 of the report and whether this would work against the Council in receiving a cost effective tender for the work and it was questioned whether this element of the report should have been on private papers. Mr. Paparega commented that it did not mean the cost would be £2.266m but that this was an indicative cost received from the professional team the Council was working with.
- Members discussed the project plan and were concerned that it was being optimistic in respect of the desired planning permission being granted between May and September 2022. Concerns were reiterated around the overall timescales in light of the current national position. The Head of Planning, Regeneration and Leisure Services responded that the timetable was constantly being reviewed as everyone was concerned about this, she also confirmed that pre-planning discussions would be ongoing in order to iron out any issues prior to planning application being

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brought forward. She confirmed that everything was being done to meet the requirements of the monies received.

- The inclusion of the Worcestershire and Birmingham LEP on the Programme Board was questioned when it was understood that they were not making a contribution to the project. The role of One Public Estate was also questioned, and the Leader confirmed that this was part of Worcestershire County Council. Mr. Paparega confirmed that the Birmingham LEP had funded some feasibility work to support the bid and that the LEP position changed on a daily basis and therefore the membership of the Project Board could and would likely change as the project moved forwards.
- Members asked whether there were any restrictive covenants in place in respect of the Windsor Street site – the Leader confirmed that both Worcestershire County Council and the Fire Authority had relinquished all rights to it when it was purchased.
- It was confirmed that the demolition rights and any mitigation costs were covered by the grant funding. It was also confirmed that any other remediation costs for the site in required outside of the site would fall to WCC and the Fire Authority (as detailed in the contract).
- It was suggested that although the Leader was a member of the Programme Board there should also be another Councillor in attendance. The Leader confirmed that Councillors would be consulted at the appropriate stages.
- The Head of Planning, Regeneration and Leisure Services reminded Members that Ward Councillors could also be involved in the pre-application process.

Following detailed discussion around the wording of recommendation 2 of the report Members agreed that it would be more appropriate to amend this to “up to a total of” rather than as was currently stated. It was also discussed that an update in respect of progress should be reported back to the Board on a quarterly basis.

RECOMMENDED that recommendation 2 of the report be amended as follows:

“authority be delegated to the Head of Planning, Regeneration and Leisure Services and the Executive Director of Resources to proceed to spend the Levelling Up Fund allocation up to a total of £2.266m on the required demolition and remediation works at the Windsor Street site and to engage a design and build contractor on the Market Hall site.”

8/2022

COUNCIL PLAN (INCLUDING RECOVERY AND RESTORATION PLAN) **- PRE-SCRUTINY**

The Chairman noted that this was an addendum to the existing Council Plan and invited Ms. Poole, as Head of Business Transformation, Organisational Development and Digital Strategy to provide a brief overview of the report.

Ms. Poole presented the background to the Council Plan and reminded Members that this had been put in place prior to the pandemic. A workshop had been held with the Corporate Management Team (CMT) and Cabinet Members in 2021 to ensure that the Council's strategic purposes and measures remained relevant in a post pandemic world and to consider whether any new areas of focus were needed following it.

It was highlighted that there was no change to the majority of the Council's priorities and milestones. However, there was a significant change in respect of the Green Thread, which now played a more prominent role and had become a priority in its own right, with its own set of focal points. The addendum should be considered side by side with the Council Plan, which would be reviewed fully in 2023. The Recovery and Restoration Plan had been put in place as a response to the pandemic and the majority of this had now been completed, any remaining areas had been picked up within the Council Plan.

The Leader reiterated that the importance of the Green Thread and how it had been highlighted as a priority and needed to be addressed moving forwards. Members went on to raise a number of areas, which were noted by the Leader and Officers and would be picked up within the Council Plan, this included:

- Strengthening visibility in the district centres – concerns were raised that there had been little or no support from the Centres Manager. The Leader advised that she was new to post and was working hard to make contact with everyone, but she would feedback concerns raised.
- Details around the use of the welcome back funds was provided.
- Reference to the ABCD model was discussed and how some Parish Councils were already doing some of this work and would be willing and able to provide support and further help. (The Leader was happy to discuss this with Members in more detail outside of the meeting, if they wished to contact her.)

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- The wording in respect of housing growth on page 18 of the agenda pack, which it was felt did not read particularly well – officers agreed to revisit this.
- The Green Thread and the work already being undertaken within the District and the Council being able to find an area that it could put its own stamp on and make a real difference. It was suggested that the heat pump project could be included within this section.
- Councillor A. Kriss commented that he understood some of the businesses in his area had not been contacted or supported (as referenced in the Economic section on page 16 of the agenda) by any of the programmes mentioned or received the NWEDR newsletter, he was concerned that this was online and not everyone was able to access online services. The Leader provided information around how this could be access and encouraged Councillor Kriss to pass this on to those businesses within his Ward. It was noted that Members could also register for this newsletter and pass on the information to those in their Wards who would find it useful.
- Clarification was also sought in respect of the travel section of page 22 of the agenda pack and the need to promote car sharing and public transport was discussed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their input to this document and the Executive Director, Finance and Resources acknowledged the valid points that had been made and the need for the Green Thread section to be further developed. The Climate Change Strategy was currently being developed and these discussion points would be fed back to the relevant officers.

9/2022

FUEL POVERTY TASK GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Officers confirmed that the purpose of this report was to formally confirm the membership, terms and reference and timescale for the task group.

The Chairman thanked those Members who had put their names forward to join the task group and Councillor Hunter for chairing it. He was happy with a 6 month timescale for the task group to report back to the Board, and officers advised that the first meeting of the task group was scheduled for 14th June 2022.

RESOLVED that

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- (a) The terms of reference of the Fuel Poverty Task Group (as attached to the report) be agreed;
- (b) the membership of the Task Group, as detailed within the report be agreed;
- (c) the Task Group carry out its investigations within six months from the date of the first meeting; and
- (d) the Task Group commence its investigation as soon as possible.

10/2022

FINANCE AND BUDGET WORKING GROUP - UPDATE

The Chairman advised Members that there had been one meeting of the Working Group since the last Board meeting, when it had considered reports in respect of Financial Monitoring for Period 11, the Treasury Management Strategy and an item in respect of introduction of Special Expenses. The Working Group had received a briefing paper in respect of Special Expenses and the Chairman provided Members with a short explanation of this process. The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance confirmed that this was something which would be reviewed in more detail in due course.

11/2022

TASK GROUP UPDATES

The Chairman confirmed that there was current no task groups taking place, but the Fuel Poverty Task Group would commence shortly, as agreed earlier in the meeting.

12/2022

WORCESTERSHIRE HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - UPDATE

Councillor S. Baxter was nominated as the Council's representative on the Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) for a further year. She also provided an update on the most recent meeting of HOSC that she had attended and explained that in November 2021 a Task and Finish Group had been set up in respect of Ambulance Handover times. A number of recommendations had come from this Group including redirecting those attending A&E when it was not appropriate and discharging of some patients earlier in the day (where appropriate) to improve the flow for A&E patients being admitted. This was something which HOSC considered at each of its meetings, and whilst it was confirmed that improvements were being made, there was limited data being provided.

In her first year as HOSC representative Councillor Baxter commented that the key thing she had learnt was how complex the National Health

Service was and its inter-relationships with other services. She was happy to continue as the representative and would continue to report back to the Board.

RESOLVED that Councillor S. Baxter be appointed as the Council's representative on the Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

13/2022

CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

The Cabinet Work Programme for the period 1st June to 30th September 2022 was noted.

14/2022

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD WORK PROGRAMME

Officers advised that at the Board's next meeting it was due to consider the annual Air Quality Update and the Housing Enforcement Powers item, which had been requested by Councillor Hunter.

The Chairman suggested that an item be added to the work programme in respect of concerns he had around the Leisure Centre, in particular the increased cost of heating the swimming pool and ongoing attendance figures, and the likely impact of these issues on the Council's budget. The Executive Director for Resources confirmed that there was a clear risk, which had been included within the Medium Term Financial Plan, regardless of how Leisure Services were provided. He confirmed that a piece of work was currently being undertaken in respect of the areas highlighted and suggested that it would be appropriate for this matter to be brought before the Board in due course. It was acknowledged that this report may be confidential, and the Chairman suggested that initially it may be more appropriate for the matter to be discussed at the Finance and Budget Working Group. It was agreed that the Officers would liaise with the Chairman in respect of this matter being considered at a future meeting.

Members noted that at the time of publication of the agenda pack the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Board had not been confirmed by Group Leaders and it was suggested that for clarity, this now be included within the minutes of the meeting, as detailed below:

Councillors S. Baxter, A. Beaumont, S. Colella, R. Deeming, C. Hotham, R. Hunter, H. Jones, A. Kriss, P. McDonald, C. Spencer and J. Till.

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Officers further confirmed that calendar invites for the Board meetings for the remainder of the municipal year would be sent to Members shortly.

Councillor Baxter asked that an update in respect of the Corporate Performance item discussed earlier, be included within the Work Programme to ensure the areas highlighted were addressed. It was agreed that this would be included within the agenda for the November meeting of the Board.

Councillor Till asked if an item could be scheduled into the work programme in respect of replacement street signs and the process for obtaining these.

RESOLVED that subject to the amendments detailed in the pre-amble above the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.01 p.m.

Chairman

Richard Williams
Principal Officer (Planning & Pollution
Control)

2022 Air Quality Update -BDC

Defra Annual Status Report 2022

Actions Update

Legislative Change – Environment Act 2021

Air Quality Standards - Discussion

Trends in Monitoring – Discussion

Next Steps - Discussion

Annual Status Report 2022

- Reports the monitoring data collected within the District
- Reviews air quality trends for the last 5 years
- Reports on the status of declared AQMA's(4 in total)
- Details actions to improve air quality
- Reports on important developments

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[Full report will be available from July 2022 onwards](#)



Air Quality Data and 5 year Trends

Same as 2020 Covid restrictions heavily influenced overall pollution levels. None of the 44 monitoring locations exceeded the Gov action threshold for NO₂(40µg/m³)

For the whole district the highest concentrations of NO₂ recorded across the monitoring network was in west Hagley (HAG5) with a value of 32.7µg/m³.

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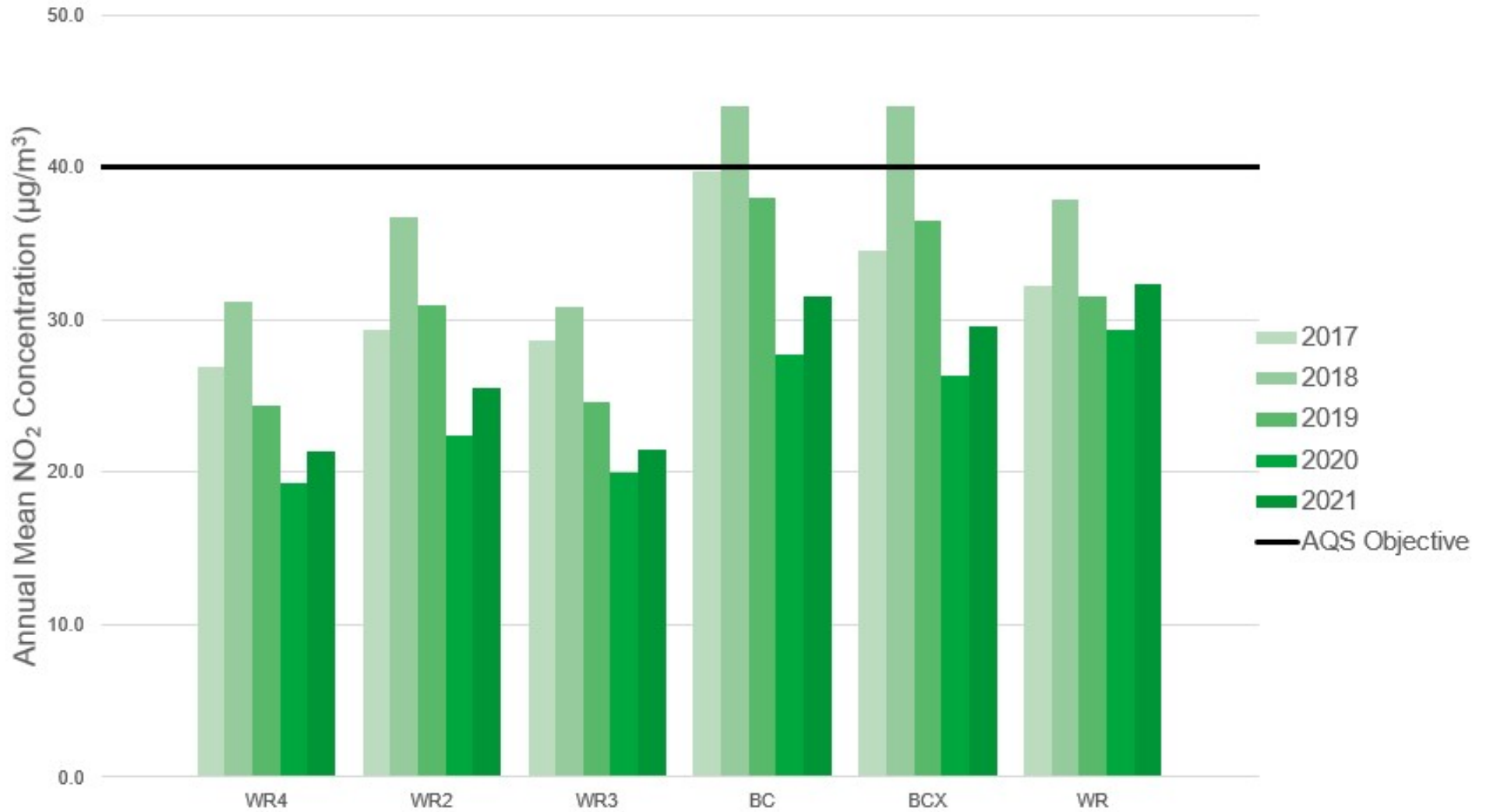
Concentrations within all AQMAs were below the objective -

32.3µg/m³ at the Worcester Road AQMA

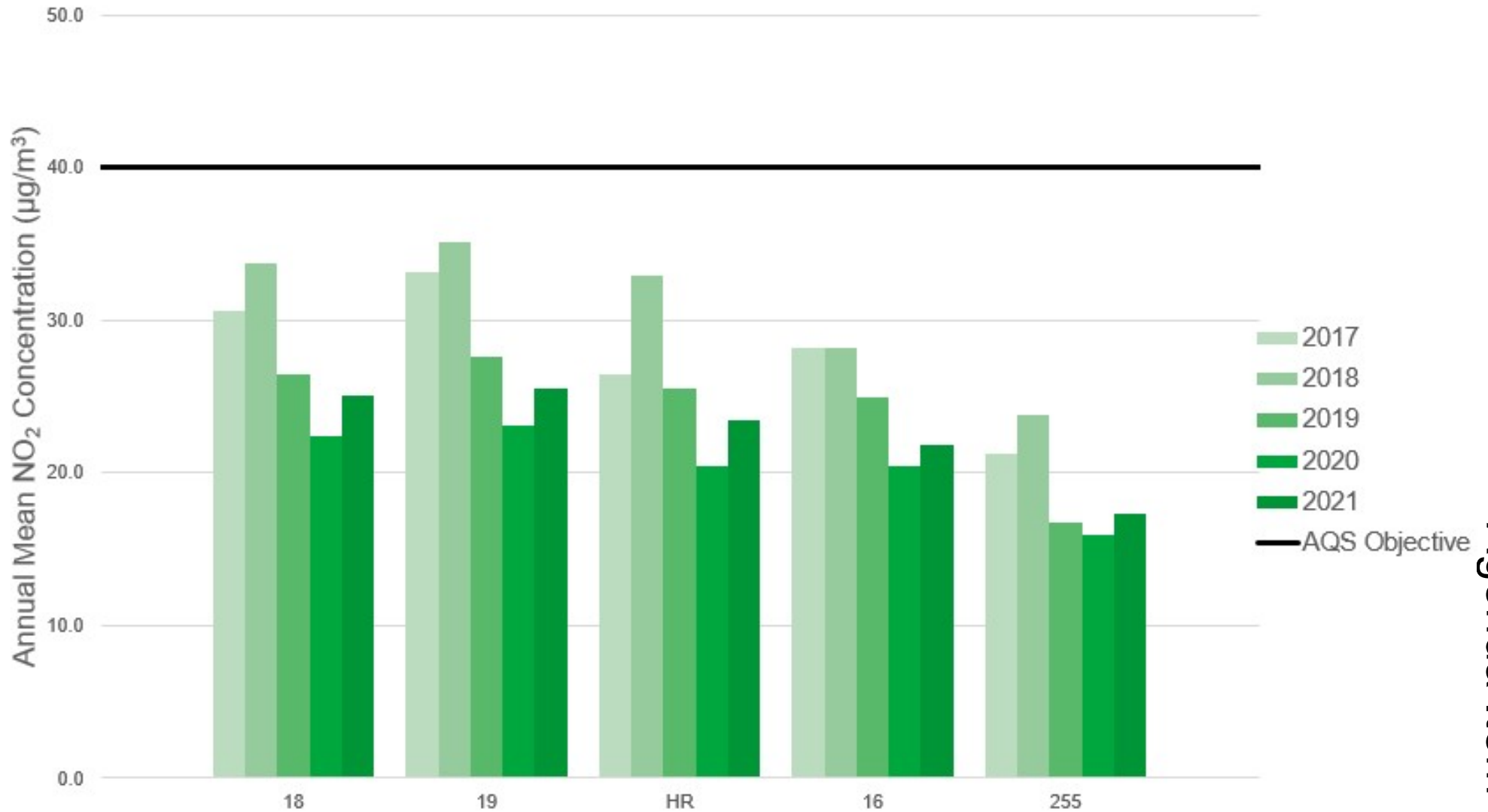
25.5µg/m³ within the Redditch Road AQMA

31.5µg/m³ within the Lickey End AQMA

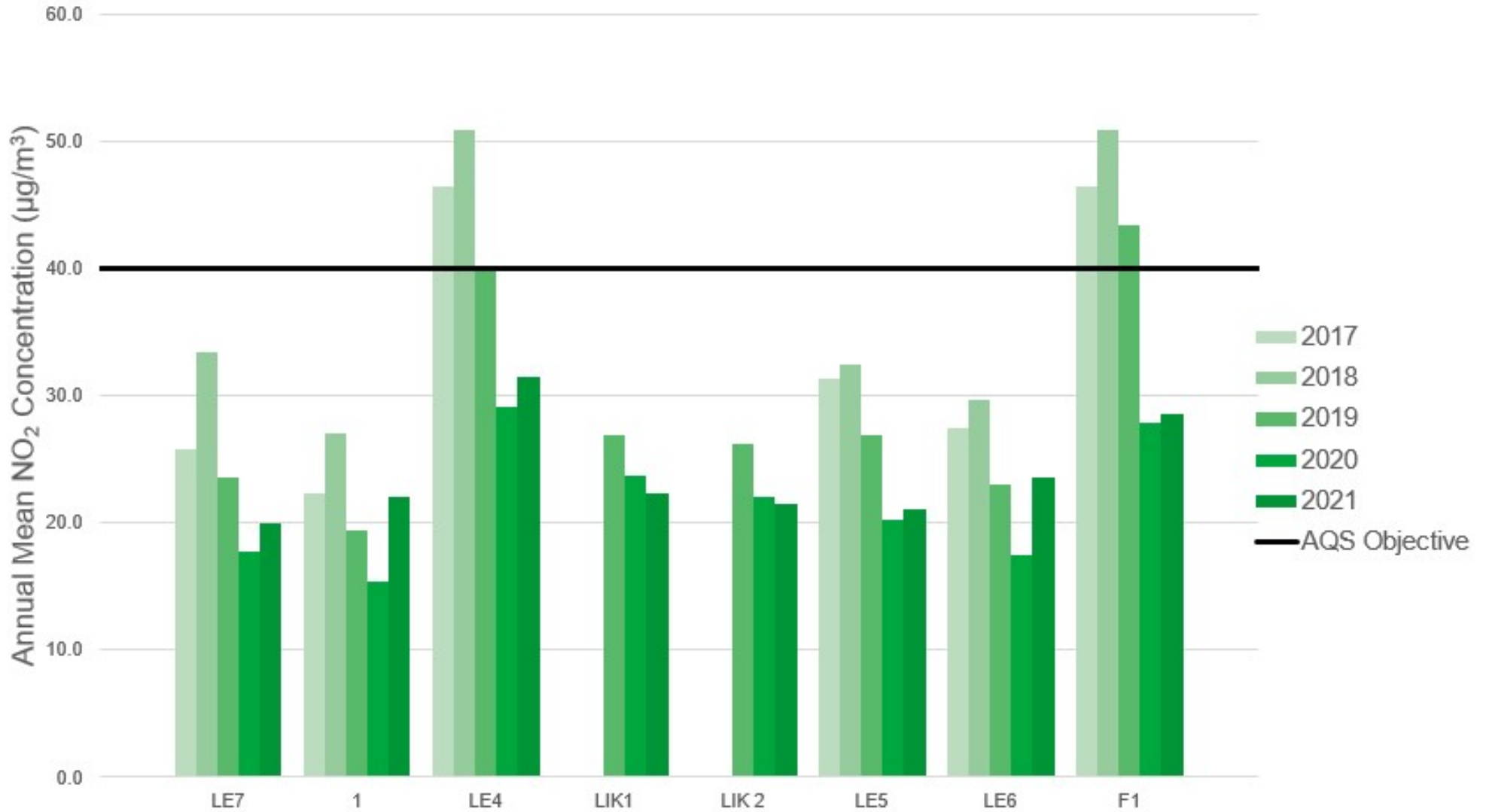
Worcester Road AQMA - Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations (2017-2021)



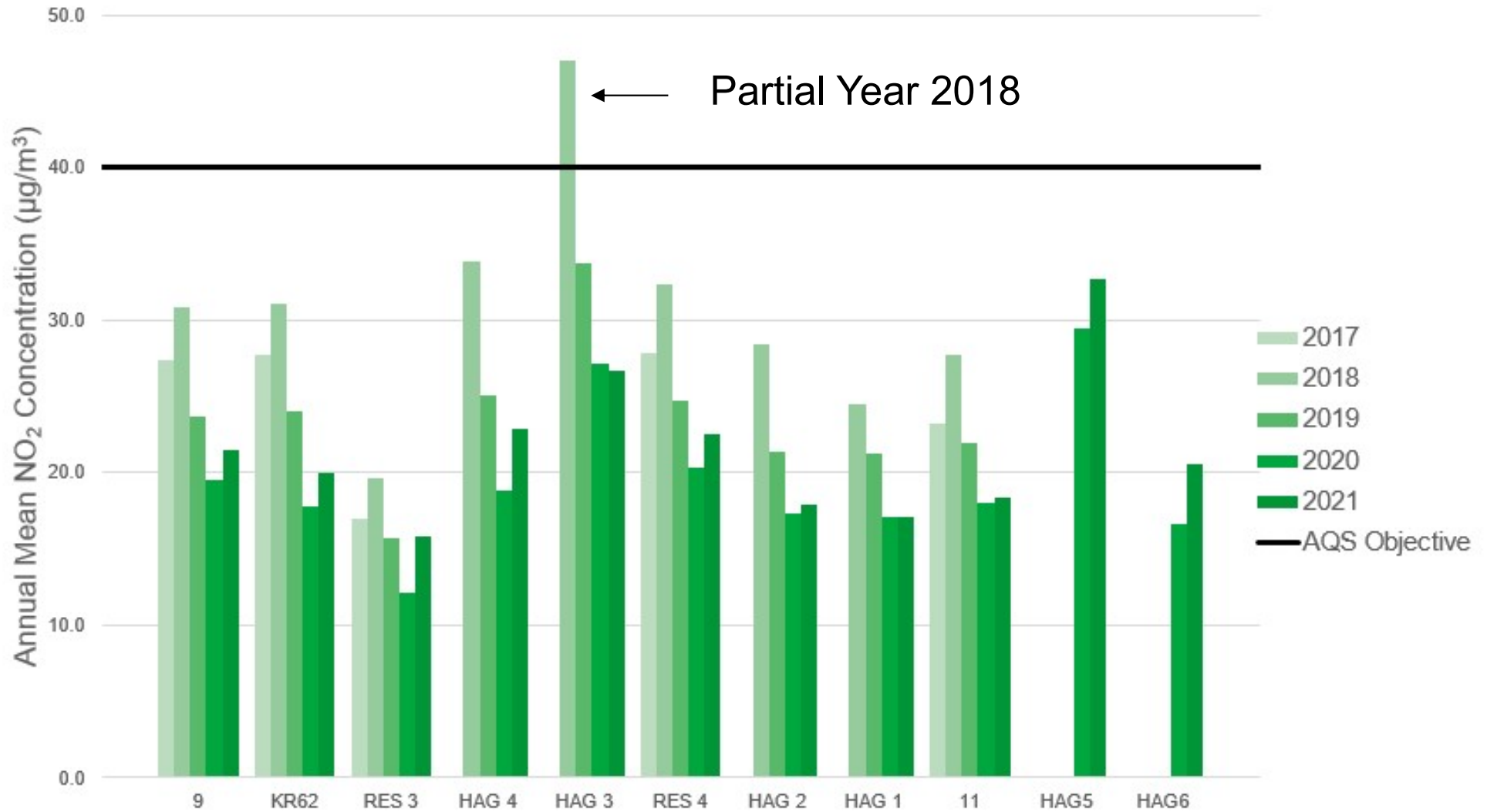
Redditch Road AQMA - Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations (2017-2021)



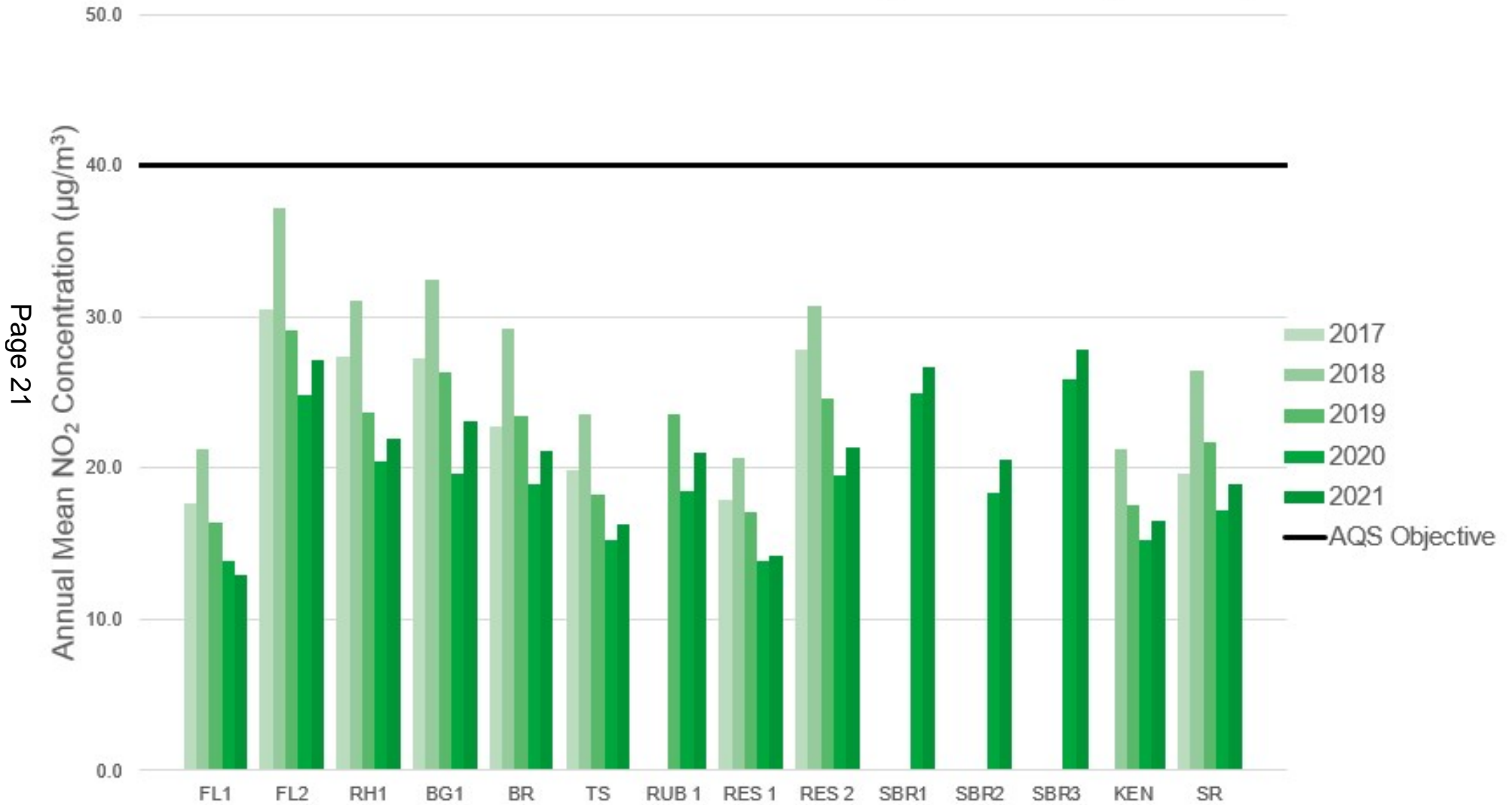
Lickey End AQMA - Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations (2017-2021)



Hagley - Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations (2017-2021)



Other Locations - Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations (2017-2021)



Action Update

All AQAP improvements are Highways Department/transport related

Will be implemented as part of wider transport schemes and not on a case by case basis- Local Transport Plan 4

Primarily Junction improvements and enhancements

Action Update - LTP 4

Bromsgrove Route Enhancement Programme (BREP) Major Scheme

Lydiate Ash (M5 Junction 4) - Major Junction Enhancement Scheme

Lickey End (M42 Junction 1) - Major Junction Enhancement Scheme

Bromsgrove Transport Strategy (BTS)

All Electric Bus Town Scheme

Action Update - LTP 4

Hot off the press.....



Worcestershire ULEV Infrastructure Issues and Options Study

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Legislative change Environment Act 2021

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Changes to Air Quality Duties & Obligations - Environment Act 2021

Two new air quality Standards for PM2.5 to be introduced by October 2022

- Annual Mean Concentration Target ('concentration target') - a maximum concentration of $10\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to be met across England by 2040
- Population Exposure Reduction Target ('exposure target') - a 35% reduction in population exposure by 2040 (compared to a base year of 2018)

Changes to Air Quality Duties & Obligations - Environment Act 2021

Amendments to Environment Act 1995

Broadens the statutory responsibility for delivering Air Quality improvement

The county Council will be obliged by law to co-operate with the Council in delivering improvements in air quality through joint action plans.

Powers through the SoS to compel 'Air quality partners' to co-operate

Changes to Air Quality Duties & Obligations - Environment Act 2021

Amendments to Environment Act 1995

Section 83A of the Act has been amended with regard to Air Quality Action Plans

- Action plans must have tangible actions for the delivery of compliance rather than ‘aspirational statements’
- Must have strategy to maintain those standards for future years
- Hard deadline of delivery must be identified in the action plan rather than ‘work towards’ change statements.
- Process of AQAP development must be a Collaboratory with AQ partners.
- WRS due to revise Bromsgrove AQAP

[Environment Act 2021 Frequently Asked Questions - Local Authorities - Ver1.pdf \(adeptnet.org.uk\)](#)

Advice on Air Quality Standards – LAQM & WHO

Pollutant (Annual Average)	LAQM	WHO 2005	WHO 2021
NO ₂	40	40	10
PM10	40	20	15
PM2.5	25	10	5

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WHO

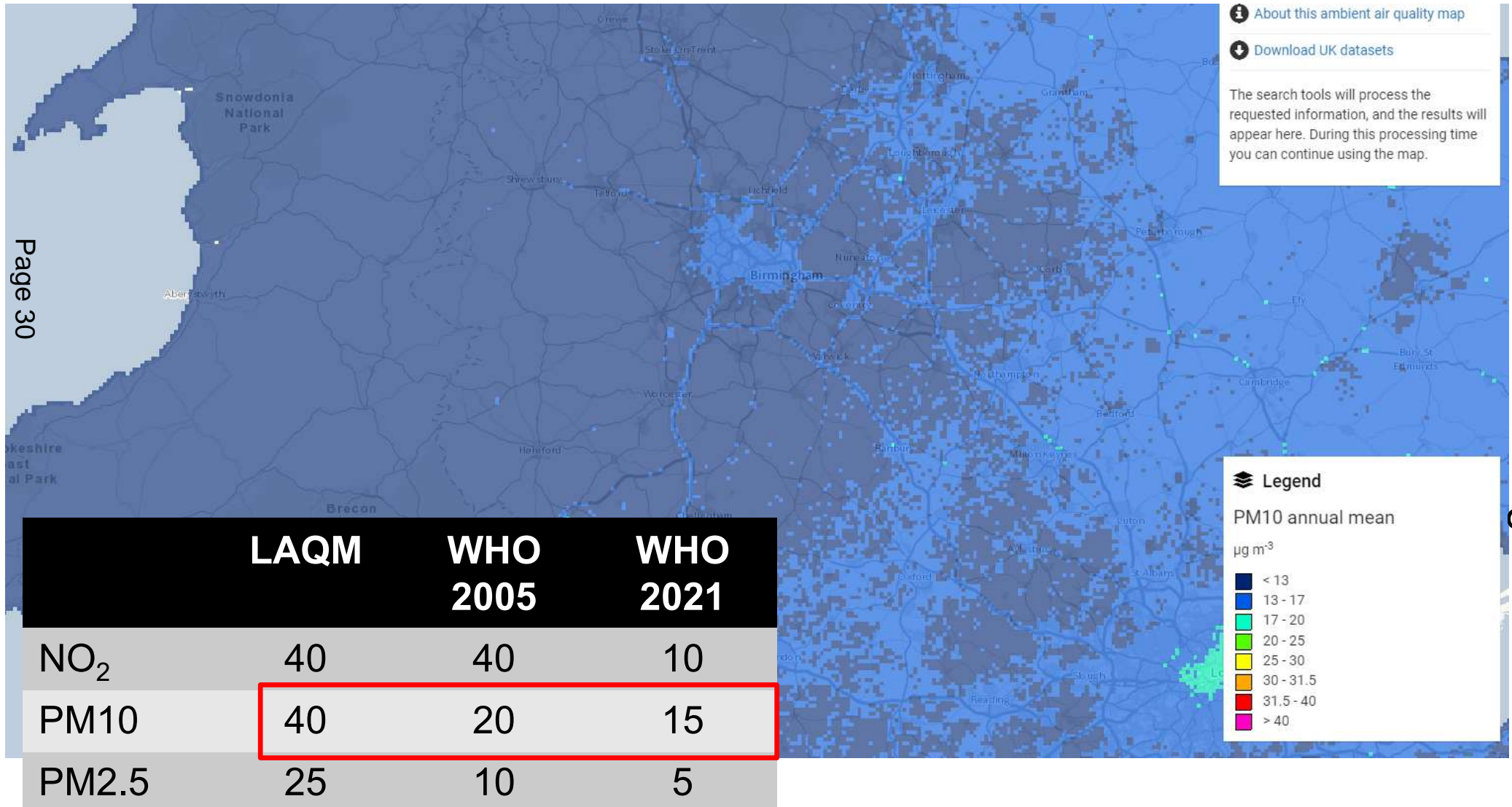
Changes to Air Quality Duties & Obligations - Environment Act 2021

LAQM

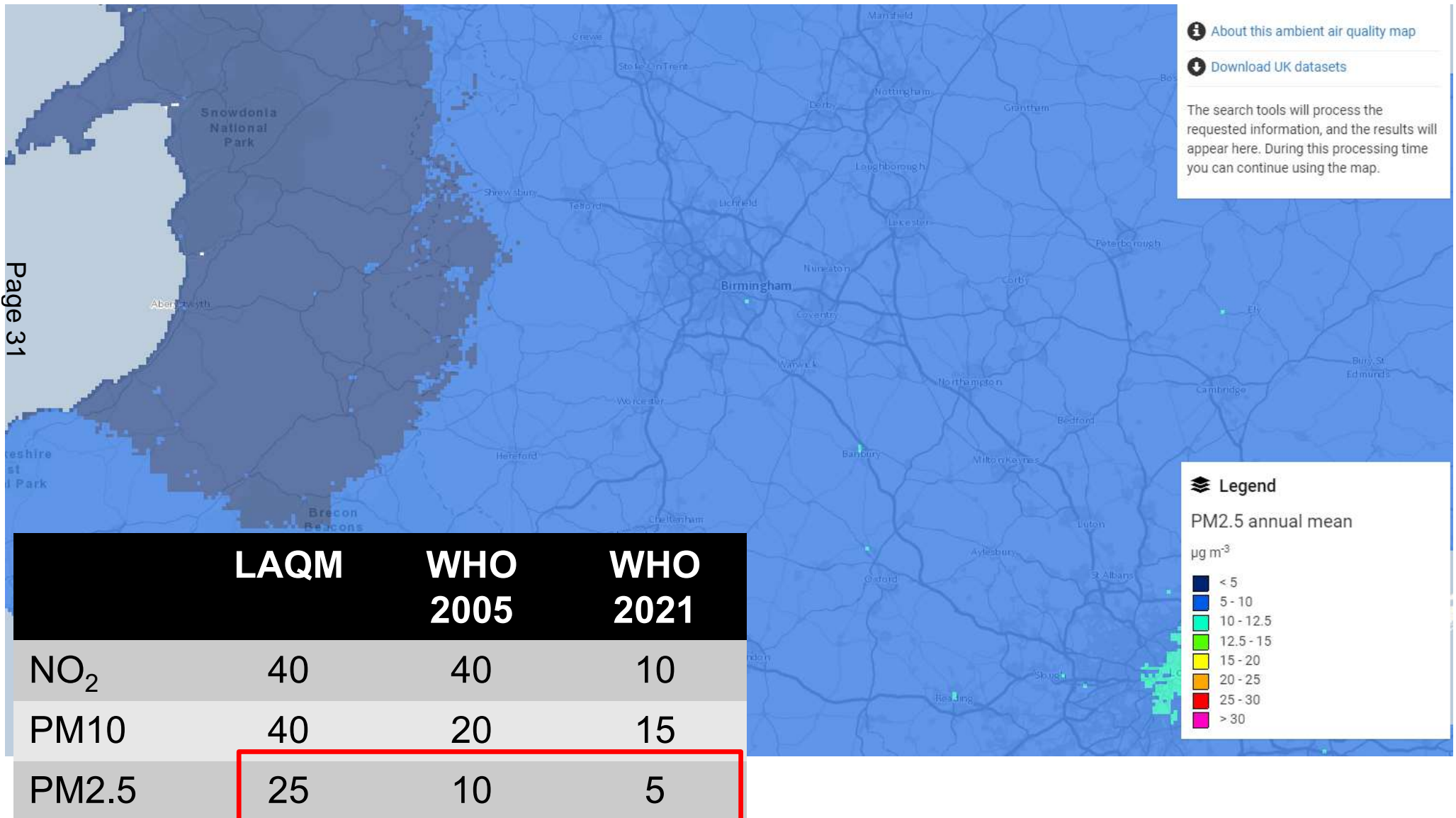
Two new air quality Standards for PM2.5 to be introduced by October 2022

- Annual Mean Concentration Target ('concentration target') - a maximum concentration of 10µg/m³ to be met across England by 2040
- Population Exposure Reduction Target ('exposure target') - a 35% reduction in population exposure by 2040 (compared to a base year of 2018)

Background PM10 for Bromsgrove District between 10 - 17 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



2018 Background PM2.5 for Bromsgrove District between 5 - 10µg/m3 (2022 RICARDO calculated average 8.14µg/m3)



Sources of AQ information

- Many available
- Context is critical
- Use reliable Sources
- In doubt contact WRS



Members concern in 2021 : Air Quality & Schools

No active monitoring outside of schools

Worcester Road AQMA due to pinch point at the Black Cross, not issues around schools. However it did read the highest level of any AQMA in 2021 being **32.3µg/m³ Annual Average**.

No relevant exposure at schools for Annual Objectives this year.

Closest schools to AQMA

- St Peters Catholic First,
- Bromsgrove School and
- St John's CE Middle Academy

Lickey End AQMA as a number of nurseries near to it but this does not significantly impact the air quality same as last year's report.

Air Quality & Schools - Concern

Relevant exposure – Walking to and from school, Travel in Vehicles through Worcester Road AQMA

Short term exposure Standards

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Pollutant (Annual Average)	LAQM (24 hour exposure)	LAQM (1 hour exposure)	WHO (24 hour exposure)	WHO (1 hour exposure)
NO ₂	-	200	25	200
PM10	50	-	45	-
PM2.5	-	-	25	-

DEFRA TG(16) "Previous research carried out on behalf of Defra and the Devolved Administrations identified that exceedances of the NO2 1-h mean are unlikely to occur where the annual mean is below 60 µg/m3 ."

Agenda Item 4

Trends in Monitoring - Discussion

WRS monitor air quality for the purpose of fulfilling LAQM duties

Diffusion Tube Monitoring for NO₂ annual average only required

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Desire for enhanced monitoring ?

1. For the purpose of accurate measurement when tubes do not have necessary precision for LAQM work
2. Verification work. Co-locating diffusion tubes to supply local adjustment factors
3. Provision of real-time public Information

Air Monitoring Developments

Diffusion tubes

£7 each per month
(44 tubes)



Lab analysers

£18K +K2.3K p/a

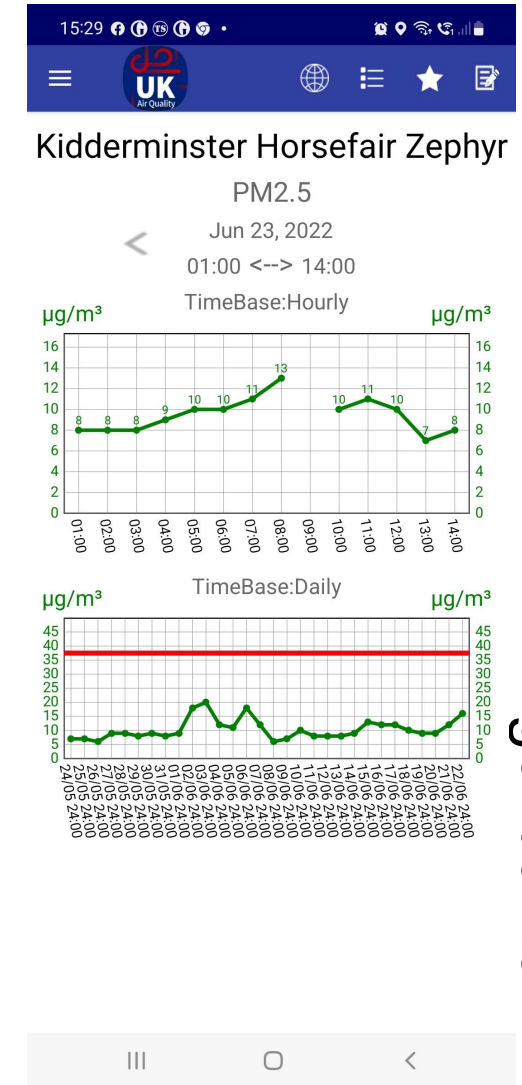
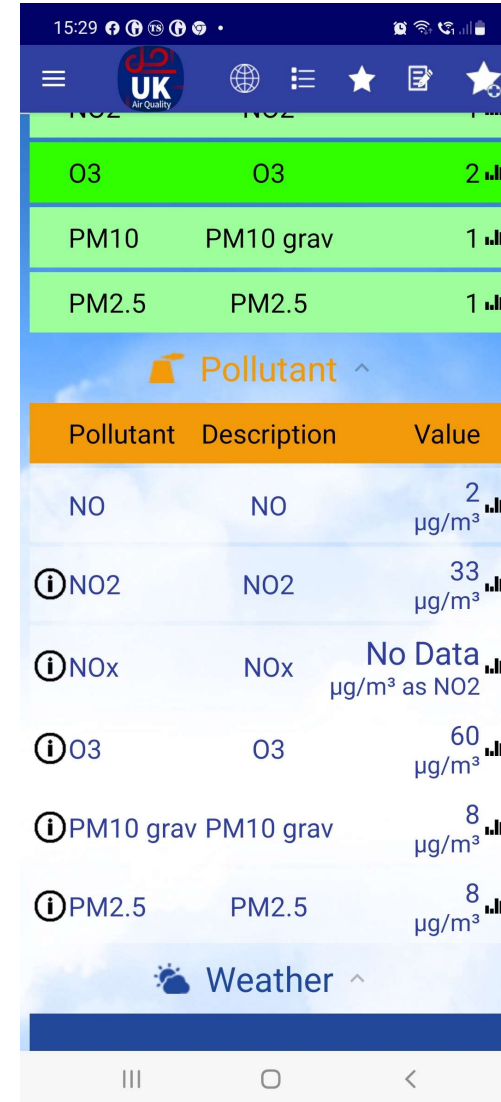
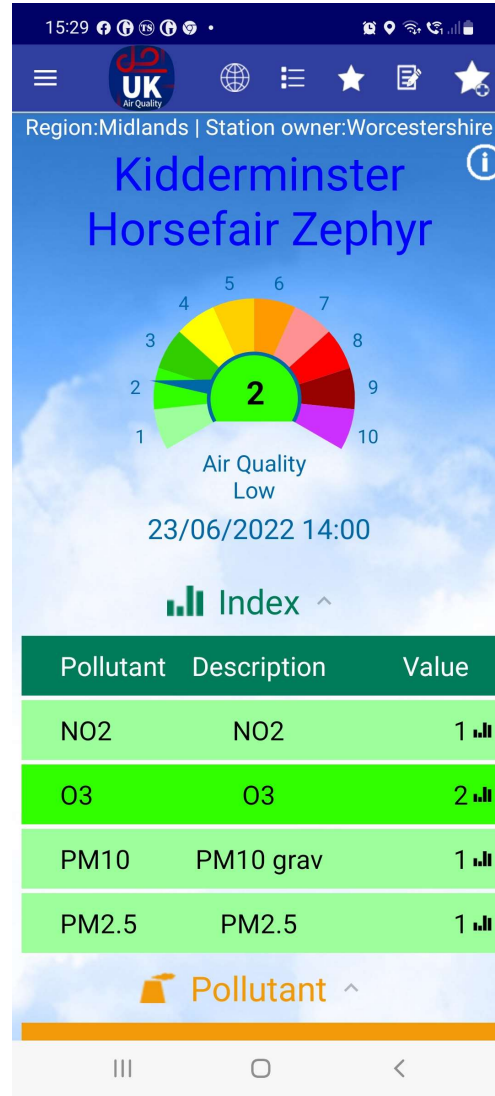
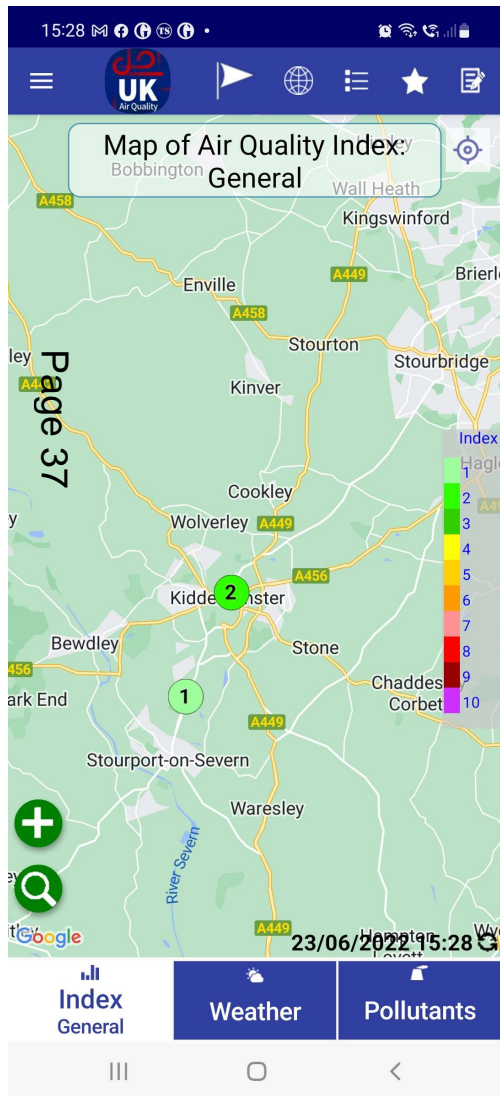


Electro chemical devices

£4K + £2kp/a



Enhanced monitoring – What does it look like ?



Agenda Item 4

Next Steps...

Future Monitoring

Action Planning

Questions ?

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BREIFING NOTE – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 5th July 2022

Housing Enforcement Powers relevant to the Private Rented Sector

The following is a brief list of the main legislative provisions applying to the Private Rented Sector.

Housing Act 2004

Pt 1. This is the core legislation applicable to housing, intended to ensure all residential accommodation is compliant with prescribed standards (Housing Health & Safety Rating System). It is applicable to owner occupied accommodation as well as privately rented accommodation. The main enforcement provisions available to address shortcomings in accommodation standards are,

- Improvement Notices
- Prohibition Orders
- Hazard Awareness Notices
- Emergency Prohibition Order
- Emergency Remedial Action
- Suspended Improvement Notice
- Suspended Prohibition Order

Pt 2. The licencing of Houses in Multiple Occupation - Imposes the requirement to licence (only where these involve 5 or more persons constituting 2 or more households involving sharing of amenities), and additional standards applicable.

Pt 4 – Management Orders – Allows LA to take over management of a non-compliant HMO for a specified period.

The Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation (England) Regulations 2006

Imposes standards applicable to management of a HMO (licensable or unlicensable HMO).

Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Regulations 2015

Imposes requirement for PRS properties to have smoke detection/alarm, and Carbon Monoxide detection/alarm where open source of ignition is present.

Electrical Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) Regulations 2020

Imposes requirement for all PRS properties to have an electrical safety inspection undertaken every 5 years and to be compliant, enforcement via Remediation Notice and financial penalty.

Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property)(England & Wales) Regulations 2015

Imposes requirement that all PRS properties meet a minimum energy efficient standard rating of E, enforcement via Compliance Notices and financial penalty.

Housing and Planning Act 2016 – Introduced the use of Civil Penalty Notices as an alternative to prosecution for the following offences under the Housing Act 2004

- Failure to comply with improvement notice (Housing Act 2004 Section 30)
- Licensing of HMOs under Housing Act 2004 Part 2 (Housing Act 2004 Section 72)
- Licensing of houses under Housing Act 2004 Part 3, (Housing Act 2004 Section 95)
- Failure to comply with overcrowding notice, (Housing Act 2004 Section 139(7))
- Management regulations in respect of HMOs. (Housing Act 2004 Section 234)

Housing Act 1985 – Overcrowding Standards

Housing Act 1985 – Demolition Orders, Declaration of Clearance Areas

The Redress Schemes for Lettings Agency Work and Property Management Work (Requirement to belong to a Scheme etc) (England) Order 2014-

Introduced power to fine agents operating without being registered to a prescribed Scheme.

Officer Details:

Name: Steve Shammon
Title: Private Sector Housing Team Leader

CABINET LEADER'S WORK PROGRAMME

1 JULY 2022 TO 31 OCTOBER 2022
(published as at 7th June 2022)

This Work Programme gives details of items on which key decisions are likely to be taken in the coming four months by the Council's Cabinet

The Work Programme gives details of items on which key decisions are likely to be taken by the Council's Cabinet, or full Council, in the coming four months. **Key Decisions** are those executive decisions which are likely to:

- (i) result in the Council incurring expenditure, foregoing income or the making of savings in excess of £50,000 or which are otherwise significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (ii) be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the district;

If you wish to make representations on the proposed decision you are encouraged to get in touch with the relevant report author as soon as possible before the proposed date of the decision. Contact details are provided, alternatively you may write to the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services, Parkside, Market Street, B61 8DA or e-mail: democratic@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

The Cabinet's meetings are normally held every four weeks at 6pm on Wednesday evenings at Parkside. They are open to the public, except when confidential information is being discussed. If you wish to attend for a particular matter, it is advisable to check with the Democratic Services Team on (01527 64252 ext 3031) to make sure it is going ahead as planned. If you have any queries Democratic Services Officers will be happy to advise you. The full Council meets in accordance with the Councils Calendar of Meetings. Meetings commence at 6pm.

CABINET MEMBERSHIP

Councillor K J May	Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Regeneration and Strategic Partnerships
Councillor G. Denaro	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling
Councillor M. Sherrey	Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and Community Safety
Councillor P. Thomas	Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulatory Services
Councillor M. Thompson	Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Climate Change
Councillor S. Webb	Portfolio Holder for Health and Well Being and Strategic Housing

Decision including Whether it is a key Decision	Decision Taker Date of Decision	Details of Exempt information (if any) and information explaining why items have been postponed (where available)	Documents submitted to Decision Maker / Background Papers List	Contact for Comments
Bromsgrove and Redditch Duty to Co-operate Key: No	Cabinet 6 Jul 2022 Council 20 Jul 2022		Report of the Head of Planning, Regeneration and Leisure Services	Mike Dunphy, Strategic Planning and Conservation Manager Tel: 01527 881325 Councillor P. L. Thomas
Financial Monitoring Report Key: No	Cabinet 6 Jul 2022		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Levelling Up Fund LUF Market Hall Site Development Proposal Key: Yes	Cabinet Not before 6th Jul 2022 Council Not before 20th Jul 2022		Report of the Head of Planning, Regeneration and Leisure Services	Ostap Paparega, Head of North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration Tel: 01562 732192 Councillor K. J. May

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Nomination of Romsley Methodist Church - Asset of Community Value Key: No	Cabinet 6 Jul 2022		Report of the Head of Planning, Regeneration and Leisure Services	Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning, Regeneration and Leisure Services Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor P. L. Thomas
Quarterly Risk Update Key: No	Cabinet 6 Jul 2022		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Financial Outturn Report 2021/22 Key: No	Cabinet 27 Jul 2022		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro

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UK Shared Prosperity Fund Key: Yes	Cabinet 27 Jul 2022		Report of the Chief Executive	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Regeneration and Strategic Partnerships
Asset Strategy Key: No	Cabinet Not before 14th Sep 2022 Council Not before 21st Sep 2022		Report of the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services Tel: 01527 881429 Councillor G. N. Denaro

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Bromsgrove 2040 Vision Key: No	Cabinet Not before 14th Sep 2022 Council Not before 21st Sep 2022		Report of the Head of North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration	Ostap Paparega, Head of North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration Tel: 01562 732192 Councillor K. J. May
Bromsgrove District Local Plan Review - Preferred Option Key: No	Cabinet 14 Sep 2022 Council 21 Sep 2022		Report of the Head of Planning, Regeneration and Leisure Services	Mike Dunphy, Strategic Planning and Conservation Manager Tel: 01527 881325 Councillor P. L. Thomas

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Bromsgrove Town Centre Regeneration - Land at the Dolphin Centre and at Windsor Street Key: Yes	Cabinet Not before 14th Sep 2022 Council Not before 21st Sep 2022		Report of the Chief Executive	Kevin Dicks, Joint Chief Executive Tel: 01527 64252 Ext 3250 Councillor K. J. May
Budget Framework 2023/24 Key: Yes	Cabinet 14 Sep 2022		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro

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Climate Change Strategy Key: No	Cabinet 14 Sep 2022 Council 21 Sep 2022		Report of the Head of Community and Housing Services and Head of Environmental and Housing Property Services	Judith Willis, Head of Community and Housing Services, Guy Revans, Head of Environmental and Housing Property Services Tel: 01527 64252 Ext 3284, Tel: 01527 64252 ext 3292 Councillor M. Thompson
Draft Council Tax Support Scheme 2023/24 Key: No	Cabinet 14 Sep 2022		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Financial Monitoring Report Key: No	Cabinet 14 Sep 2022		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro

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HR and Organisational Development / People Strategy Key: No	Cabinet Not before 14th Sep 2022		Report of the Head of Business Transformation, Organisational Development and Digital Strategy	Deb Poole, Head of Transformation, Organisational Development and Digital Services Tel: 01527 881256 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Leisure Strategy Key: No	Cabinet Not before 14th Sep 2022 Council Not before 21st Sep 2022		Report of the Head of Planning, Regeneration and Leisure Services	Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning, Regeneration and Leisure Services Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor M. Thompson
Parking Enforcement Service Level Agreement Key: Yes	Cabinet Not before 14th Sep 2022		Report of the Head of Environmental and Housing Property Services	Kevin Hirons, Environmental Services Manager Tel: 01527 881705 Councillor M. A. Sherrey

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Recommissioning of the County Single Homeless and Childless Couples Service Key: No	Cabinet 14 Sep 2022		Report of the Head of Community and Housing Services	Amanda Delahunty, Strategic Housing Officer Tel: 01527 881269 Councillor S. A. Webb
Worcestershire Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy Key: No	Cabinet 14 Sep 2022 Council 21 Sep 2022		Report of the Head of Community and Housing Services	Amanda Delahunty, Strategic Housing Officer Tel: 01527 881269 Councillor S. A. Webb
Worcestershire Housing Strategy 2040 Key: No	Cabinet 14 Sep 2022 Council 21 Sep 2022		Report of the Chief Executive	Judith Willis, Head of Community and Housing Services Tel: 01527 64252 Ext 3284 Councillor S. A. Webb

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Environment Act - Changes to Waste Services - Implications Key: No	Cabinet Not before 26th Oct 2022 Council Not before 2nd Nov 2022		Report of the Head of Environmental and Housing Property Services	Guy Revans, Head of Environmental and Housing Property Services Tel: 01527 64252 ext 3292 Councillor M. A. Sherrey
Financial Monitoring Report Key: No	Cabinet 26 Oct 2022		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2025/26 - Update Key: No	Cabinet 26 Oct 2022		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro

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Quarterly Risk Update Key: No	Cabinet 26 Oct 2022		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Fees and Charges 2023/24 Key: No Page 53	Cabinet 26 Oct 2022 Council 2 Nov 2022		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Bromsgrove Centres Strategy Key: Yes	Cabinet 23 Nov 2022		Report of the Head of Planning, Regeneration and Leisure Services	Lyndsey Berry, Bromsgrove Centres Manager Tel: (01527) 881221 Councillor K. J. May

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Treasury Management Report - Six Month Update Key: No	Cabinet 23 Nov 2022		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Financial Monitoring Report Key: No	Cabinet 23 Nov 2022		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2025/26 - Update Key: Yes	Cabinet 23 Nov 2022		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Homelessness Prevention Grant 2023/24 Key: Yes	Cabinet 18 Jan 2023		Report of the Head of Community and Housing Services	Amanda Delahunty, Strategic Housing Officer Tel: 01527 881269 Councillor S. A. Webb

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Final Council Tax Support Scheme 2023/24 Key: No	Cabinet 18 Jan 2023		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Financial Monitoring Report Key: No	Cabinet 18 Jan 2023		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Council Tax Base 2023/24 Key: No	Cabinet 18 Jan 2023 Council 25 Jan 2023		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro

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Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2025/25 - Update Key: No	Cabinet 18 Jan 2023		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Decarbonisation of the Council Fleet Key: No	Cabinet 15 Feb 2023 Council 22 Feb 2023		Report of the Head of Environmental and Housing Property Services	Kevin Hirons, Environmental Services Manager Tel: 01527 881705 Councillor M. A. Sherrey

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Financial Monitoring Report Key: No	Cabinet 15 Feb 2023		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Council Tax Resolutions 2023/24 Key: No	Cabinet 15 Feb 2023 Council 22 Feb 2023		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
2023/24 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2025/26 (Including Treasury Management Strategy and Capital Programme) Key: No	Cabinet 15 Feb 2023 Council 22 Feb 2023		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro

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Pay Policy Statement 2023/24 Key: No	Cabinet 15 Feb 2023 Council 22 Feb 2023		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Becky Talbot, Human Resources and Development Manager Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Financial Monitoring Report Key: No	Cabinet 15 Mar 2023		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro
Quarterly Risk Update Key: No	Cabinet 15 Mar 2023		Report of the Executive Director of Resources	Peter Carpenter, Interim Deputy S151 - Finance Tel: 01527 64252 Councillor G. N. Denaro

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

WORK PROGRAMME

2022-2023

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board considers and agrees the work programme and updates it accordingly.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Subject	Additional Information
5 th July 2022	Air Quality Update	Annual Update requested at the meeting on 6 th July 2021
	Housing enforcement powers and how they are used	
	Working Group Updates	
	Any Task Group Updates	
	WCC Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – update from Representative	
	Cabinet Leader’s Work Programme	
Extra meeting (date TBC)	Levelling Up Funding Update	
	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	
12 th September 2022	Bromsgrove Town Centre Regeneration - Land at the Dolphin Centre - pre-scrutiny	Not before 21 st September Council meeting
	Electric Chargers in the District	
	Working Group Updates	
	Any Task Group Updates	
	WCC Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – update from Representative	
	Cabinet Leader’s Work Programme	
24 th October 2022	Replacement Street Signs	
	Working Group Updates	
	Any Task Group Updates	
	WCC Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – update from Representative	
	Cabinet Leader’s Work Programme	
21 st November 2022	CCTV – Digital Upgrade Update	
	Corporate Performance Dashboard	
	Working Group Updates	
	Any Task Group Updates	
	WCC Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – update from Representative	
	Cabinet Leader’s Work Programme	

Items for consideration in 2022 - 2023

2022/2023

- Decarbonisation of the Council Fleet – due for consideration not before April 2023
- Strategic Transport Assessment
- Homelessness – Post Covid (including Homelessness - The Overview and Scrutiny Board could revisit recommendations made by a previous Task Group on this subject)

When considering topics for investigations Members may wish to take into account the Council's Strategic Purposes as detailed below:



Run & grow a successful business

What does this mean to me?

Businesses choose to come to Bromsgrove & grow here, providing services & jobs.

Further development enhances the town & district centres as places that people want to visit.

Improved connectivity makes life easier, whether that's on the roads or online.

Why?

As an entrepreneurial area, supporting business is incredibly important for the District. Through North Worcestershire Economic Development & Regeneration we will continue to support new businesses. We will also work with established companies within the District to help them grow & flourish.

We are committed to making the Town & district centres places that residents & visitors can enjoy & that attract a variety of businesses.



Priority: Economic development & regeneration

We will:

Consult businesses to understand current needs & growth plans, working with partners to support business growth.

How we will measure it:

- Number of businesses engaged through the consultation
- Number of existing businesses supported to grow & develop

Work & financial independence



What does this mean to me?

There are more opportunities for young people, with the right skills for local businesses.

Money management support will help to reduce debt & increase financial confidence.

People get the benefits they are entitled to, when they need them.

Why?

The economic picture for Bromsgrove District is positive, with consistently low unemployment. However, the Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2015 (specifically income, employment & education indicators) show there were issues, particularly in parts of Charford & Sidemoor.

We will support our residents to access work opportunities in new industries, focusing on the skills agenda. We will also work with residents to help them manage their money & access the right benefits.



Priority: Skills for the future

We will:

Undertake a skills audit with partners & work together with them to address any gaps.

How we will measure it:

- Number engaged through the skills audit.



**Live independent,
active & healthy lives**

**What does this
mean to me?**

People are supported to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Communities & individuals feel less isolated.

There are more positive things to do through improved access to sport & cultural activities.

Why?

Whilst the health of people in Bromsgrove District is generally good, health priorities include improving mental well-being, increasing physical activity & ageing well. Increasing numbers of people living with reduced mobility, dementia & diabetes are an issue for the District. Through the Bromsgrove Partnership, Bromsgrove District Council will continue to play its part in addressing these issues.

We also want to enhance sport & cultural opportunities in the District, which will have health & social benefits.



**Priority: Improving
health & well-being**

We will:

Support targeted activities for healthy lifestyles.

How we will measure it:

- Number of people accessing targeted activities
- Number of people with diabetes
- Number of people who have had a stroke

Affordable & sustainable homes



What does this mean to me?

More affordable & appropriate homes become available.

Private tenants have homes which are safe & tenancies which are secure & affordable.

Homes can adapt to changes in circumstances & are increasingly energy efficient.

Why?

Bromsgrove has the highest level of home ownership in Worcestershire, & the smallest private rented sector in the county; demand for housing within the district has had a significant impact on property prices.

Access to affordable housing is recognised as an issue, as is ensuring homes are sustainable into the future.



Priority: A balanced housing market

We will:

Develop & implement a District Housing Strategy.

How we will measure it:

- Number of affordable homes (commitments & completions)

Communities which are safe, well-maintained & green



What does this mean to me?

Crime & anti-social behaviour reduces even further & the fear of crime also starts to decrease.

The district is well-maintained & people feel involved in keeping it clean.

It's easier to recycle more & reduce waste going to landfill.

Why?

Bromsgrove District Council has committed to playing its part in addressing the impact of climate change; from work to increase recycling to support to reduce fuel poverty, a **green thread** runs throughout this Council Plan.

It is important to ensure that Bromsgrove remains attractive for everyone, & our Place Teams, in partnership with local communities, provide a strong service across the District.

The District is a low crime area; through the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership we continue to work hard to address the causes of crime & anti-social behaviour & to support victims.



Priority: Reducing crime & disorder

We will:

Target the causes of crime affecting the night-time economy.

How we will measure it:

- Anti-social behaviour reports in the Town & district centres
- Crimes in the Town & district centres

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