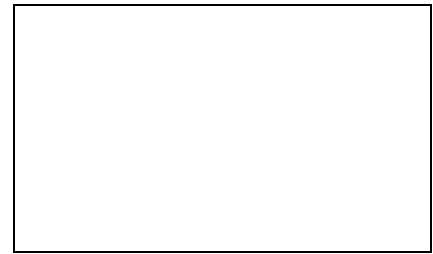


Calderdale MBC

Wards Affected – Greetland and Stainland

**Cabinet – 28
March 2022**



Petition - Make West Vale an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)

Report of

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Place Scrutiny Board considered a petition calling for West Vale to be made an Air Quality Management Area at a meeting on 3 March 2022. The report considered by the Scrutiny Board which gives details of the petition is attached as Appendix 1. The draft published minutes of the meeting are attached as Appendix 2.
- 1.2 Having heard the petition, Place Scrutiny Board made the following resolution:
 - (a) the petitioners be thanked for attending the meeting and presenting the petition;
 - (b) the Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods, be requested to provide the following information to Members of the Board:
 - i. why the monitors were switched off for 3 months in 2018;
 - ii. why a national reduction factor was applied to data in 2018; and
 - iii. why the number of air quality monitors had been reduced from 5 to 2; and
 - (c) it be recommended to Cabinet that West Vale be declared an Air Quality Management Area.
- 1.3 This report asks Cabinet to consider the recommendation of Place Scrutiny Board that West Vale be declared an Air Quality Management Area.

2. Need for a decision

- 2.1 Cabinet is requested to consider a recommendation from Place Scrutiny Board that West Vale be declared an Air Quality Management Area.
- 2.2 It is anticipated that Cabinet will request a detailed technical report that answers the questions posed by members of Place Scrutiny Board and sets out the current position regarding air quality in West Vale.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Cabinet consider the recommendation from Place Scrutiny Board that West Vale should be declared an Air Quality Management Area.

4. Background and/or details

- 4.1 The Council's Petition Scheme required that validated petitions with more than 500 but fewer than 2000 signatures should be presented to the relevant Scrutiny Board. The petition seeking to make West Vale an AQMA was considered by Place Scrutiny Board on 3 March 2022. A ward Member, Councillor Cook and a member of the public presented the petition to the Scrutiny Board. Details of the petition are attached to this report in Appendix 1. The minutes of the meeting, which summarise the discussion are attached as Appendix 2.
- 4.2 The Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods, attended the meeting and agreed to provide the Board with further information on a number of issues raised during the discussion.
- 4.3 Place Scrutiny Board decided to recommend to Cabinet that West Vale be declared an Air Quality Management Area.

5. Options

- 5.1 Cabinet may decide whether to declare West Vale and Air Quality Management Area or not.
- 5.2 Cabinet may decide to defer a decision concerning an Air Quality Management Area at West Vale and ask officers to prepare a report for a future meeting of Cabinet answering those questions asked by the Scrutiny Board and including an appraisal of the proposal that West Vale should be declared an Air Quality Management Area.

6. Financial implications

- 6.1 There will be additional costs associated with becoming an Air Quality Management Area but that this will need to be incorporated within the more detailed report.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 Prior to any decision being taken on whether to declare any area an Air Quality Management Area a full and detailed technical report would need to be considered.

8. Human Resources and Organisation Development Implications

- 8.1 There are no Human Resources and Organisation Development implications.

9. Consultation

- 9.1 None, other than the petitioners clearly expressed their views that West Vale should become an Air Quality Management Area.

10. Environment, Health and Economic Implications

- 10.1 Air pollution contributes to poor health. Improving air quality can also help address climate change. A Calderdale Air Quality strategy is currently under

development which will set out the strategic direction and actions to be taken to improve air quality in Calderdale and mitigate the impact of air pollution on the lives of residents. It is anticipated that the strategy will be finalised in Summer 2022.

11. Equality and Diversity

11.1 No direct implications

12. Summary and Recommendations

12.1 Place Scrutiny Board has recommended that West Vale be declared an Air Quality Management Area.

12.2 This report asks Cabinet to consider that recommendation

12.3 It is likely that an additional officer report will be required to set out a technical analysis of air quality in West Vale and answering questions that were asked by members of Place Scrutiny Board

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The documents used in the preparation of this report are:

1. Make West Vale and Air Quality Management Area. Report considered by Place Scrutiny Board on 3 March 2022 (Appendix 1)
2. Draft Minutes, Place Scrutiny Board, 3 March 2022 (Appendix 2)
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The documents are available for inspection at the Town Hall, Halifax.