

Report to Local Councils' Liaison Committee

Date of meeting: 11 March 2019



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Subject: Air quality and car pollution from idling vehicles

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

To note the report.

Report:

The Council is currently reviewing its Action Plan with a view to introducing a new range of measures aimed at reducing concentrations of pollutants, both within the AQMA (Air Quality Management Areas) and across the district. It has not been possible to progress this to date because of unavoidable delays with the Local Plan.

However, officers have been involved in a number of local initiatives over the summer. As part of the Clean Air Day campaign, officers supported local schools across the district by providing educational resources and literature to assist teachers in and outside the classroom. The campaign was also promoted on the Council website and via social media.

Officer resources have been targeted at locations in and around Moreton Primary School and Buckhurst Hill Community School where specific concerns have been raised around idling vehicles. They have engaged directly with parents in the playground and at their cars to reinforce the impacts of idling vehicles and to inform that it is an enforceable offence.

No Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued to date as all drivers confronted for idling have turned off their engines immediately and have engaged positively with officers at the time. Where a driver is obstructive or is recognised as a repeat offender a Notice will be served.

Limited staff resources restrict the amount of pro-active work that can be taken currently. For the time being officers from the Public Health Team will respond to complaints that are received.