

SOUTH STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

1 July 2019

Present: Councillors P Fitzpatrick (Chair), Robinson (Vice-Chair), Bowden, Chadwick, J Fitzpatrick, Kitchen, Owen, R Welsh and Alam

In Attendance: Emma Varnam Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Buglass and Cooper

1 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the North Strategic Neighbourhood Forum held on 21 March 2019 be approved as a correct record.

2 CLEAN AIR CONVERSATION

The Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods delivered a presentation outlining proposals to improve air quality for Greater Manchester.

The Director explained that pollution from road traffic was linked to a wide range of serious illnesses and conditions and contributed to the equivalent of 1,200 deaths a year in Greater Manchester alone.

Many local roads in the region had levels of harmful nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), which were above legal limits. The Government had instructed Greater Manchester (and many other UK cities) to take quick action to reduce NO₂ emissions, which were mainly produced by older diesel engines.

Greater Manchester local authorities were working together to develop a Clean Air Plan to tackle air pollution on local roads. The proposal to introduce a Clean Air Zone across the whole of Greater Manchester in two phases from 2021 was outlined as follows:

- In 2021 non-compliant buses, coaches, taxis, private hire vehicles and HGVs would pay a daily penalty;
- In 2023 non-compliant vans and minibuses would pay a daily penalty; and
- Cars (other than private hire vehicles), motorbikes and mopeds were out of scope.

A multi-million pound funding package to support local business to upgrade to cleaner vehicles was also proposed and, under the current proposals, the funds would support:

- Taxis and private hire vehicles licensed in Greater Manchester;
- HGVs, vans, minibuses and coaches registered in Greater Manchester;
- Buses/coaches operating as registered services within Greater Manchester;
- Treble the number of electric vehicle public charging points in Greater Manchester; and
- Help Greater Manchester switch to greener transport.

Sitting alongside this package of measures were a number of actions needed from government, including:

- Clear arrangements and funding to develop workable, local vehicle scrappage/upgrade measures;
- Short term effective interventions in vehicle and technology manufacturing and distribution, led by national Government with local authorities;
- Replacement of non-compliant buses; and

- A clear instruction to Highways England with regard to air pollution from the strategic highway network in Greater Manchester.

Everyone was urged to join the conversation to express their views on the proposals by visiting cleanaairgm.com. The survey was open until 30 June 2019.

The presentation concluded by explaining that the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan proposals would be developed in more detail over the coming months, informed by the responses to the consultation. Going forward, there would be a statutory public consultation which would provide an opportunity to comment on the detailed Clean Air proposals.

RESOLVED

That the content of the presentation be noted.

3 LUNG HEALTH CHECKS

The Neighbourhood Forum received a presentation, which gave information in respect of targeted lung health checks.

It was explained that the Lung Health Check Programme was an integral part of the NHS Cancer Programme, which aimed to:

- Prevent cancer;
- Have a longer survival rate;
- Improved experience of treatment and care for people with cancer; and
- Improved quality of life for people with cancer.

The Forum was informed that each cancer alliance had received funding for one Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to deliver a programme over four years as part of a 'Targeted Lung Cancer Screening' programme. Tameside and Glossop CCG had been selected as one of the funded CCG's and was working in partnership with the Integrated Care Trust and the Council to roll out a Lung Health Check service for the local population.

The targeted lung health check (LHC) programme selected participants from a local population at high risk of lung cancer and offered low dose computed tomography (LDCT) to eligible subjects. The programme would cover participants aged between 55 and 74 years of age, registered with a GP practice who had ever smoked. Those who attended would be assessed to calculate their individual risk of developing lung cancer. The programme would be rolled out across neighbourhoods from October 2019. Engagement was currently underway with professionals involved in lung health, patients and residents on the preferred model of delivery.

Some examples from other areas were given, including a 'one stop shop' mobile unit and a GP and referral to Hospital model.

Feedback from engagement to date had demonstrated a preference for a neighbourhood model with both initial appointments and CT scans in the community.

Other feedback included:

- That local people be included to develop information and materials which would improve equal access;
- A lung cancer awareness raising campaign running alongside lung health checks would ensure a more equitable and wide reaching benefit;
- Smoking cessation advice be part of the offer available on-site to deliver immediate counselling, backed up by access to medication and ongoing support where required;

- Professionals delivering lung health checks having the knowledge and skills to discuss issues of concern for attendees and be able to make referrals to support services such as social prescribing; and
- All information, written or verbal, must be clear and easily understood.

Members of the Forum expressed a general preference for a 'One Stop Shop' mobile unit on the grounds of convenience for members of the public.

RESOLVED

That the content of the presentation be noted.