Air Quality Management and Low Emission Zone - 2022 annual progress report noted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the city's 2022 annual progress report on air quality, advising

(1) that the Environment Act 1995 required that local authorities regularly review and assess the air quality within their area of responsibility and this review and assessment process had been the basis of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) and compared current and future concentrations of key air pollutants against the objectives detailed in the regulations as part of the national strategy for air quality;

(2) that in accordance with the LAQM requirements the annual progress report considered monitoring data available since the last round of review and assessment, as well as assessing the impact from various potential sources of pollution;

(3) that previous rounds of the LAQM review and assessment process had seen Glasgow declare Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) due to elevated levels of the air pollutants nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) and particulate matter (PM10);

(4) of the 4 AQMAs declared in the city to date together with the actions to improve air quality and the progress of the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) measures that had been progressed along with a summary of the current AQAP, as detailed in the report;

(5) of proposals to revoke the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road Air Quality Management Area, as detailed in the report; and

(6) of the pandemic impact and recovery on air pollution in the city, including the effectiveness of the Low Emission Zone measures.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the content of the report on air quality in the city;

(b) the progress being made in improving air pollution levels;

(c) the impact of pandemic measures on traffic and pollution levels and the resultant pollution increase in 2021 as the those measures lessened; and

(d) the intention to revoke the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road Air Quality Management Area following sustained compliance with national objectives.