Air quality – 2023 annual progress report noted.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the city's 2023 annual progress report (APR) on air quality, advising

(1) that the Environment Act 1995 required local authorities to 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 LAQM requirements the APR 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 (PM_{10});

(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(5) that as a result of these combined measures, the citywide AQMA for PM_{10} had been revoked in 2016, the Parkhead Cross AQMA for NO_2 revoked in 2020 and the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road AQMA amended in 2020 to remove the PM_{10} component and revocation of the NO_2 aspect of this was pending; and

(6) of the main pollutants of concern and the APR conclusions, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report;

(b) the new data available on pollution levels;

(c) the impact of fewer pandemic restrictions on pollution levels; and

(d) the trends in concentration of nitrogen dioxide, particularly within the city centre.