

**Bolsover District Council**

**Meeting of the Executive on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Air Quality Grant**

**Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health**

<b>Classification</b>	This report is Public
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**PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT**

To seek approval to access the grant from the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) as outlined in the report to improve air quality in The District.

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**REPORT DETAILS**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 On 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 the government announced an Air Quality Grant would be made to Bolsover District Council in order to carry out agreed promotion and infrastructure improvements to improve air quality (specifically Nitrogen dioxide). Bolsover District Council was awarded £975,000.
- 1.2 This grant has been made following compliance with the Ministerial Direction relating to air quality on the A34 within the district.

**2. Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 The purpose of the grant is to implement education initiatives and infrastructure improvements (as per the grant determination letter in Appendix 1 and 2). The funding can only to be used to deliver these specific projects, as agreed with DEFRA and subject to quarterly reporting.

**3. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 This grant is an opportunity to improve air quality in the district through vehicle charging infrastructure, additional alternative transport initiatives and education and promotional activity.

3.2 In order to receive this grant the determination letters need to be signed and returned to DEFRA.

#### **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 Do nothing. This option is rejected. To refuse the grant would limit the Council's ability to directly improve air quality.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Executive approves the signing of the grant determination letters.

Approved by the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health,  
Councillor Deborah Watson

#### **IMPLICATIONS:**

**Finance and Risk:**            Yes             No

**Details:**

All expenditure on the resulting projects will be covered by the grants

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

**Legal (including Data Protection):**            Yes             No

**Details:**

By signing the determination letters the Council will be bound by the grant conditions, as outlined in the appendices.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

**Environment:**

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

**Details:**

The Air Quality Grant is being made to Bolsover District Council in order to carry out agreed promotion and infrastructure improvements to improve air quality (specifically Nitrogen dioxide).

**Staffing:**            Yes             No

**Details:**

There are no staffing issues arising from signing the determination letters.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

## DECISION INFORMATION

<p><b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b>  A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p><b>Revenue - £75,000</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Capital - £150,000</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	<p>Yes  £975,000</p>
<p><b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b>  <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p>	<p>Yes</p>

<p><b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Consultation:</b>  <b>Leader / Deputy Leader</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>SLT</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Relevant Service Manager</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Members</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Details:  The Cabinet Portfolio Holder has been consulted.</p>

<p><b>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.</b></p>
<p>Environment and Customer Service.</p>

<b>DOCUMENT INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
1.	Grant Determination Letter 1
2	Grant Determination Letter 2

<p><b>Background Papers</b>  <i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i></p>