1. Meeting  
Environment Scrutiny Panel

2. Date of Meeting  
26th August 2004

3. Title  
Declaration of Air Quality Management Areas

4. Originating Officers  
Mark Parry, Principal Environmental Health Officer  
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5. Issue  
A Detailed Assessment of Air Quality in Rotherham has been completed by Environmental Services, which has identified new areas of poor air quality.

6. Summary  
The Environment Act 1995 requires the Council to declare new Air Quality Management Areas in areas of poor air quality identified along Fitzwilliam Road, Wellgate and Wortley Road in Kimberworth before 31st August 2004.

7. Clearance/Consultation  
Department of Food, Environment and Rural Affairs has recently accepted the Council’s findings of the Detailed Assessment of Air Quality, which was completed by the deadline of 30th April 2004. A three month consultation period is allowed for determining the most appropriate boundaries. Environmental Services will be consulting with Planning and Transportation Services as the major source of the pollution is road traffic on Local Authority controlled roads. Newly elected ward members for Boston Castle, Rotherham East and Rotherham West wards will be consulted.

8. Timing  
The Environment Act 1995 and guidance issued by the Secretary of State requires that the Council declares the new Air Quality Management Areas before 31st August 2004.

9. Background  
The Council has declared two Air Quality Management Areas in Rotherham to date. They cover an area affected by emissions from the M1 in Brinsworth, Catcliffe, Hill Top, Whiston and Wales, and an area affected by domestic solid fuel burning in Brampton Bierlow. The declaration of an Air Quality Management Area requires the development of an Action Plan, with the aim of improving air quality for the affected residents.

10. Argument  
The declaration of the Air Quality Management Areas will enable the Council to work towards improving local air quality.

11. Risks and Uncertainties  
None

12. Finance  
To be contained within existing budgets. The Department of Food, Environment and Rural Affairs have made available a supported capital expenditure (revenue) allocation to the Council to support the purchase of additional monitoring equipment.
13. **Sustainability**  
Any improvement in air quality improves the sustainability of our communities.

14. **Wards Affected**  
Wards 2 (Boston Castle), 12 (Rotherham East), 13 (Rotherham West).

15. **References**  
- Environment Act 1995  
- National Air Quality Strategy 2000

16. **Presentation**  
The Council’s vision aims to make Rotherham a prosperous inclusive and attractive borough, where people choose to live learn and work. Improvement in air quality works towards this vision.

17. **Recommendations**

1. That four Air Quality Management Areas be declared:
   
   1. Fitzwilliam Road from St Ann’s roundabout to Mushroom roundabout for the pollutant nitrogen dioxide (annual average)  
   2. Fitzwilliam Road from St Ann’s roundabout to Mushroom roundabout for the pollutant PM$_{10}$ (fine particles) 24 hour mean  
   3. Wellgate from the junction with Badsley Moor Lane to the junction with Mansfield Road  
   4. Wortley Road in Kimberworth from the junction with Wilton Gardens to the junction with Old Wortley Road