

# North Tyneside Council: Air Quality Strategy 2023–2028



An Air Quality Strategy is needed to promote and protect air quality, improve health and to enhance one of the key themes of the Our North Tyneside Plan (2021–2025) for a green North Tyneside – a great place to live, work and visit.

Air pollution is the fourth greatest threat to public health after cancer, heart disease and obesity.

Poor air quality shortens lives and contributes towards chronic illness as long-term exposure to air pollution can cause chronic conditions such as cardiovascular and respiratory diseases as well as lung cancer, leading to reduced life expectancy.

Air pollution has a significant impact on public health, with both short and long-term exposure increasing health risks relating to conditions including cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, as well as the risk of death.

## **Aim 1: To maintain and improve air quality and health**

- 1.1 Monitor air pollutants to ensure compliance
- 1.2 Report on Annual Air Quality
- 1.3 Regulate polluting industries
- 1.4 Enforce and promote smoke control areas
- 1.5 Introduce fines for smoke control offences
- 1.6 Reduce emissions from taxis

## **Aim 2: Reducing transport related emissions**

- 2.1 Support clean modes of transport
- 2.2 Promote 'Go Smarter in North Tyneside' and other initiatives for clean travel
- 2.3 Engage with bus operators to progress the Improvement Plan for a better flow of buses

## **Aim 3: To review air quality in planning policy, development and land use**

- 3.1 Engage with developers on air quality at initial stages
- 3.2 Review air quality reports in timely manner to the planning department
- 3.3 Environmental Health website to provide guidance for assessment or mitigation of air quality
- 3.4 To ensure air quality is considered within the Local Plan

## **Aim 4: Reviewing and promoting reductions in emissions from fixed sources**

- 4.1 Review polluting industry permits regularly
- 4.2 Implement and monitor the Carbon Net Zero 2030 Action Plan
- 4.3 Report on greenhouse gas emissions
- 4.4 Work with the Combined Authority on a Business Decarbonisation Support Programme

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## **Aim 5 Promoting and improving health outcomes linked to air quality**

5.1 Air quality and PM2.5 levels reviewed against Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Health and Wellbeing Strategies

5.2 Promote key public health campaigns

5.3 Public Health outcomes on air quality considered

5.4 Ensure messages regarding poor air quality are promoted widely across the borough

## **Aim 6: Encouraging public participation on air quality and informed choices on air quality and health consequences**

6.1 Promote the Air Quality Strategy

6.2 Improve awareness of air quality

6.3 Engage with local schools on air quality

6.4 Collaboratively work with the public health team on air quality

## **Aim 7: To promote the Carbon Net Zero Action Plan on air quality**

7.1 Implement the Carbon Net Zero 2030 Plan

7.2 Review and promote energy efficiency measures

7.3 Engage with industries to reduce carbon emissions

7.4 Promote low carbon solutions to homeowners

7.5 Develop options for a heat and energy plan

## **Aim 8: Improving collaborative working**

8.1 Review of air quality aims and actions

8.2 Promote air quality information via the council website

8.3 Public health impact on air quality promoted

**We would like to know if you agree or disagree with the aims and actions of the Air Quality Strategy 2023–2028.**

**Please share your thoughts and comments in our survey.**