

Growth Bid Business Case  
Air Quality

The number of officers delivering the City's statutory Air Quality obligations has increased from 1.5 posts in 2016 to 3 full time permanent posts in 2018. This increase has been covered from existing department budgets and has been required due to the increased profile both internally and externally, increase in statutory obligations and significant increase in the demands of the work area. Improving air quality is a red corporate risk and a key output of the Corporate Strategy and Responsible Business Strategy.

£49,000 is requested to fund a permanent Grade D Technical Officer post in the team. This post would carry out air quality monitoring and data analysis, air quality communications and project support. This work is currently being delivered by temporary staff funded by the Mayor of London. The external funding will cease in March 2019.

The annual budget for delivering the air quality programme is currently £40,000. This predominantly covers the running costs of air quality monitoring equipment, excluding staff time. Any additional funding to deliver the City's Air Quality Strategy has previously been sought from external grants. The grants are very specific and tailored to particular projects, which aren't always appropriate for the City. A further £50,000 per annum is therefore requested to deliver the City's Air Quality Strategy and commitments in the Responsible Business Strategy. This will enable further funding to be leveraged from external grants, which often require match funding. It is essential for the City to maintain a high level of delivery in this area in order to help mitigate the Corporate risk.