Air Quality

Strategic Aim

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Department of Markets and Consumer Protection

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Code	CR21	Title	Air Quality			
Description	Cause: Small particulate pollution has chronic health impacts from long term exposure at very low concentrations and is in evidence within the City and central London. There is also a health impact associated with long term and short term exposure to nitrogen dioxide. Event: Under certain atmospheric conditions there is a higher probability of poor air quality within the City and it is more likely that residents, workers and visitors would suffer the acute consequences. Effect: The consequences both acute and chronic may include: An increase in hospital referrals placed upon both emergency services and the NHS for those already suffering from respiratory or cardiovascular conditions (it may also place a strain on City social services).					
	An increase in deaths, particularly of those already suffering from respiratory or cardiovascular conditions (both residents and workers). Economic costs such as acting as a deterrent of businesses coming to London or staying and financial penalties for non-compliance with air qualit limits. Persistent poor air quality may affect the longer term health of the City population. Persistent poor air quality may attract adverse media coverage making the City seem a less attractive place to live and work.					
Category	Environmental	Approach	Reduce (By appropriate remedial action)			
Risk Level	Corporate	Risk Owner	Jon Averns			

Key Policy Priority

Committee

KPP3

Port Health & Environmental Services Committee

Current Risk Assessment, Score & Trend Comparison	Impact	16	*	No change
Likelihood	Likely			
Impact	Major			
Risk Score	16			
Review Date	18-Apr-2016			

Target Risk Assessment & Score	Impact 6
Likelihood	Possible
Impact	Serious
Risk Score	6
Target Date	31-Dec-2020

Latest Note This risk relating to air quality is regularly reviewed in line with all statutory obligations imposed by the Environment Act 1995.	
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Actions related to this risk:

Ref No:	Title	Action Description	Action Owner	Due Date	Progress	Latest Note
CR21 001a	Implement policies	Implement the policies contained in the City of London Air Quality Strategy 2015-2020. The strategy contains 10 policy areas with 60 specific actions. An annual report will be produced demonstrating progress with each action.	Ruth Calderwood	31-Aug-2016	20%	Actions within the 5 year strategy on track. Annual report to be submitted to the GLA detailing exact progress by August 2016
CR21 001b	Review Air Quality	Review and assess air quality in line with statutory obligations of the Environment Act 1995. Submit all relevant statutory reports. Approval of all reports by Defra and the GLA will demonstrate compliance with statutory obligations.	Ruth Calderwood	31-Aug-2016	0%	The timetable for submitting the report under the new arrangements for LLAQM has changed. The 2016 report will therefore be submitted by August 2016
CR21 001c	Become an Exemplar Borough	Ensure the City Corporation becomes a Mayor of London Exemplar Borough for air quality.	Ruth Calderwood	29-Dec-2017	25%	the City is taking all relevant action required by the GLA to become an exemplar borough but

						the scheme hasn't been officially launched yet
CR21 001d	Develop communications strategy.	Develop and implement a robust communications strategy to ensure people have sufficient information to reduce their exposure on days of 'high' air pollution.	Ruth Calderwood	30-Jun-2016	20%	Preliminary work completed on relevant messages to use. bid submitted for funding to support comms. On-going work with City businesses including business health workshop. Working on version 2 of CityAir App - have over 14000 active users
CR21 001e	Develop plan	Develop and implement a plan for reducing the impact of diesel vehicles on air pollution in the Square Mile. This is to complement the work being undertaken by the Mayor of London to reduce air pollution in the central zone through the implementation of the Ultra Low Emission Zone.	Ruth Calderwood	31-Dec-2018	15%	baseline work completed with Policy Exchange on range of options available. Submitted bid for funding for Low Emission neighbourhood. Obtained £100,000 funding from the Mayors Air Quality Fund to look into this further