

Report

Report to:	Community Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	3 June 2008
Report by:	Executive Director (Community Resources)

Subject:	Air Quality Management Area
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise Committee of the procedures to be undertaken in declaring an Air Quality Management Area at the Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the procedures to be undertaken in declaring an Air Quality Management Area at the Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride be noted.

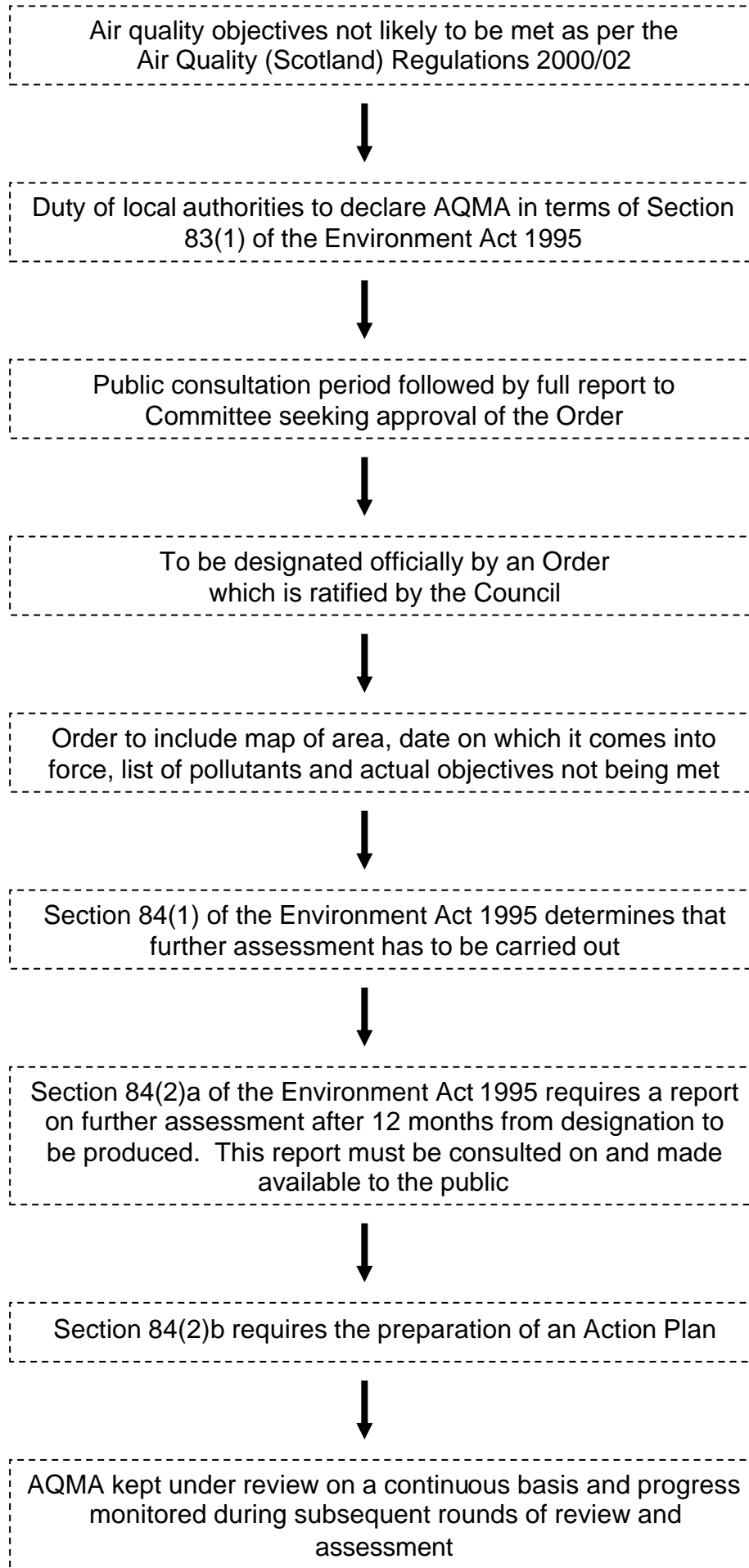
3. Background

- 3.1. The Council has a statutory duty to monitor the quality of air within its area in terms of the Environment Act 1995 and detailed in the Air Quality (Scotland) Regulations 2000 and 2002 (as amended).
- 3.2. Environmental and Strategic Services have carried out a comprehensive multi stage review and assessment of air quality within South Lanarkshire Council boundaries and the latest detailed assessment highlights that the area surrounding the Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride is likely to exceed the 2010 objectives. The Council is therefore required to designate this location by Order as an Air Quality Management Area.

4. Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) Procedure

- 4.1. Where air quality objectives are likely to be exceeded a procedure requires to be followed to meet the requirements of the legislation. The following represents a flow chart of the procedures which require to be put in place:-

AQMA Procedure



5. Air Quality Management Area Timetable

5.1

Consultation period with all relevant consultees	6 June 2008 and 20 June 2008
Report to Community Resources Committee seeking approval of the Order	2 September 2008
Order to come into effect	17 September 2008

5.2. Action Planning Process will commence over the 12-18 months following the Order coming into effect. Action Planning Process will look at measures designed to reduce levels of pollution to below the 2010 objectives.

6. Employee Implications

6.1. There are no employee implications.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. The initial processes will be undertaken utilising existing resources, however, councils who have declared AQMA's previously have incurred expenditure during the Action Planning Process. The AQMA will be subject to future reports and any identified financial implications will be highlighted as and when determined.

8. Other Implications

8.1. Delivery of this recommendation would meet requirement of action 6.8 within the Council's Sustainable Development Strategy.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

9.1. No equality impact assessment was required in respect of the proposals contained in this report.

9.2. Consultation will be undertaken in respect of the AQMA in compliance with the legislative requirements.

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Executive Director (Community Resources)

7 May 2008

Link(s) to Council Objectives and Values

- ◆ Sustainable Development

Previous References

None.

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Environment Act 1995
- ◆ Air Quality (Scotland) Regulations 2000
- ◆ Air Quality (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2002
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council Updating and Screening Assessment 2006
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council Detailed Assessment 2007

Contact for Further Information

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