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Air Quality – SBC Annual Status Report 2026

Summary

The Committee will receive an update on the state of air quality in Stockton-on-Tees.

Detail

1. The introduction of The Environment Act 2021 led to the requirement for Local Authorities to produce an air quality strategy. In July 2025, a report was presented to SBC Cabinet recommending the adoption of the SBC Air Quality Strategy for the 2025-2030 period (see <https://moderngov.stockton.gov.uk/documents/s18360/Air%20Quality%20Strategy%202025-2030.pdf>).
2. Following Cabinet's approval of this new strategy, the Council's Environmental Health Service (which developed the document) was asked to provide a briefing on its content to the Community Safety Select Committee. This took place in November 2025 (the strategy, an accompanying presentation, and subsequent discussion points can be found at <https://moderngov.stockton.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=5607>).
3. The latest annual status report on the quality of the Borough's air has since been produced and is included within these meeting papers (along with a supporting presentation). The SBC Environmental Health Service Manager will be in attendance to summarise this information and then address any subsequent Committee comments / questions.

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