

## ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

### IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives <i>(delete as appropriate)</i> :	Priority 1 – Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities  Priority 2 – Enhance the quality of people's lives  Priority 3 – Enable a flourishing local economy  Actions to improve air quality in the district will contribute to priorities 1 and 2.
Consultation:	Initial elements for inclusion in a new Air Quality Action 2017/18 to 2019/20, referred to in this report, have been drawn together by East Herts Council officers, taking advice from Hertfordshire County Council colleagues. Once the draft is complete, it will be subject to consultation.
Legal:	In an attempt to tackle air pollution at the local level, Part VI of the Environment Act (1995) places an obligation on all local authorities to regularly review and assess air quality in their areas, and to determine whether or not the air quality objectives are likely to be achieved.
Financial:	A full financial analysis will be conducted once the Air Quality Action Plan has been drafted.
Human Resource:	None arising from this report.
Risk Management:	The officer working group has considered the risks of the project.
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	Air pollution is associated with a number of adverse health impacts. It is recognised as a contributing factor in the onset of heart disease and cancer. Additionally, air pollution particularly affects the most vulnerable in society: children and older people, and those with heart and lung conditions.