

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure - Thursday, 3 June 2010

Statement of Decision

Oxford City Centre Low Emission Zone

Present:

Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure : Councillor Ian Hudspeth

Officers: Head of Transport; Dick Helling (Environment & Economy)

Also in attendance:

Other Members: Councillor Jean Fooks

Documentation considered:

Report Oxford City Centre Low Emission Zone

A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.

Declarations of interest:

Summary of representations in person

Councillor Jean Fooks welcomed the report but queried how the figures for the length of time that buses were in services referred to at paragraph 3 was reached. She suggested that particulates should be included.

The Head of Transport responded to the points made. It was also confirmed that recommendation c(iii) on page 1 of the report was in fact the decision (d) referred to in paragraph 3.

Cabinet Member's Comments

Councillor Hudspeth undertook to check that a similar report was considered by the City Council.

Decision

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me, the representations made to me and the further considerations set out above, I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

to:

- (a) note that the LEZ, as proposed, will apply only to local bus services and not to all PSVs;
- (b) note that the proposed qualifying agreement is expected to produce substantial benefits for air quality in Oxford city centre, and to ask officers to quantify these benefits as soon as full information is available;
- (c) note that use of a QPS to implement the proposed LEZ is not being pursued, for the reasons described above; and
- (d) instruct officers to continue to develop an application to the Traffic Commissioner for a Traffic Regulation Condition, requiring all local bus services operating in Oxford city centre to meet Euro V standard for nitrogen oxides, in accordance with the timescale outlined in paragraph 19 of this report.

Signed
Cabinet Member for Growth & Infrastructure

Date