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Submitted to **Review of Local Air Quality Management: Changes to guidance and reporting**

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Introduction

1 What is your name?

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3 What is your organisation?

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4 Does the Annual Status Report template strike the right balance between streamlining and robustness of evidence?

Yes

What else would you like to see covered or removed?:

Yes, the template reduces the amount of technical detail but maintains the important information.

5 Does the public facing executive summary (of the ASR) provide sufficient information to keep the public informed of air quality progress and issues within a local authority area?

Yes

What else would you like to see covered or removed?:

Yes, this provides basic information and a useful summary of what most members of the public will want to know.

6 Do you support the idea of fast-track AQMA declaration?

Yes

fast track AQMA:

As Local Authorities we will have been collecting data for some time prior to making the decision to proceed to the declaration of an AQMA, so we already have confidence in the data and our decision making. The process of completing a Detailed Assessment is an additional unnecessary burden.

It is felt that the decision still needs the support of Members and there should be some formality to the process. We therefore welcome the 4 month timeframe which should give time to consult with local Members, parish Councils etc before making the declaration.

7 Do you support the introduction of an AQAP template?

Yes

If yes, what else would you like added or removed?:

8 Is the guidance clear that local authorities are not required to review and assess these four pollutants unless they are aware of any potential new issues in their locality?

Yes

If no, please elaborate.:

9 Do the revised policy and technical guidance documents, alongside the guidance provided by Public Health England, provide local authorities with a framework to help them to address PM2.5 in their local area?

Partly

If no or partly, please elaborate:

The guidance is helpful, but a more detailed framework could have been provided. It is felt that many Local Authorities will struggle to get support for schemes to reduce PM2.5, particularly as no funding is available. As this develops it might be worth providing more detailed guidance and examples of schemes that have been successful to encourage other Local Authorities.

10 Does the updated policy guidance achieve its aim of clarifying the roles and responsibilities of District and County Councils?

Yes

Elaborate:

11 Do you have any further comments about the revisions to the technical or policy guidance that have not been covered elsewhere in this consultation?

No

If yes, please elaborate.:

12 Do you have any further information/views on costs and benefits related to the proposals in this consultation?

No

If yes, please elaborate.: