

## **ATISN 13877 – Air quality**

Information requested

1 – Which local authorities / areas / industries / organisations have received / are under Welsh Government direction to improve air quality?

Welsh Ministers have issued directions to the following local authorities:-

- 1. Caerphilly County Borough Council**
- 2. Cardiff Council**

Directions are published on the Welsh Government website and may be accessed from the following location:-

<https://gov.wales/air-pollution>

No direction has been issued to any other body in relation to air quality.

2 – Following the direction to improve air quality, please provide a breakdown of what funding (either directly or indirectly) for each direction has been provided to:

A – investigate the cause; and B – investigate mitigation actions

Feasibility study funding to the two authorities has supported initial scoping studies as well as the development of plans and submission of final reports identifying their preferred options. The following funding has been awarded (and claimed) for the local authority feasibility studies:-

**Caerphilly County Borough Council** - £1,314,760, of which £1,021,672 has been claimed to date

**Cardiff Council** - £915,000, of which £694,358 has been claimed to date

C – implement mitigation measures

Both authorities have received funding awards to support their costs in implementing their respective measures to deliver urgent compliance with NO<sub>2</sub> limit values. The following funding has been awarded (and claimed) for the measures being introduced by the local authorities:-

**Caerphilly County Borough Council** - £6,101,192, of which £1,258,196 has been claimed to date

**Cardiff Council** - £19,011,132, of which £0 has been claimed to date

3 – What steps / funding has been provided to improve air quality under the WelTag programme for the highways network?

The following table contains each individual cost item/activity undertaken to date in relation to exceedances on the Welsh-Government managed trunk road network:-

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Costs</b>
Diffusion tube monitoring undertaken at the roadside and appointment of Independent Air Quality Specialist for advice and review	December 2017 to date	£202,335
WelTAG (Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance) Stage 1 and 2 Appraisals	December 2017 to February 2018	£59,918
WelTAG Stage 3 Appraisal	March 2018 to September 2018	£148,958
Consultation Review	September 2018	£4,910
50mph speed limit on a trial/temporary basis at the 5 locations including all design and installation activities and rental of mobile Variable Message Signs (VMS)	April 2018 to date	£437,615
Purchase and installation of permanent air quality monitoring stations	December 2018 to October 2019	£203,307
Action plan measures including design and installation activities of speed limits and average speed cameras	November 2018 to date	£2,052,214
Precautionary retained measure design development	April 2019 to date	£144,241
Informatory signs at the roadside	October 2019 to date	£34,594
M4 Junction 24 to Junction 28 Operational and Air Quality Review (linked to Severn Bridges toll removal and CAN - Corridor Around Newport - Commission activities)	November 2019 to date	£125,692

Further background information to the NO<sub>2</sub> programme of work can be found in the Welsh Government supplemental plan to the UK plan for tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations 2017, which can be found at the following weblink:-

<https://gov.wales/air-quality-plan>