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Air Quality Strategy

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A multi-discipline group under the chairmanship of Environmental Health was formed to produce a health based strategy needed to improve areas of poor air quality, to reduce any remaining significant risk to health and to achieve the wider objectives of sustainable development in relation to air quality.

The Working Group considered:

- Provision of an inventory of significant sources of local pollution and pollutants.
- Deciding the appropriate standards to be achieved.
- Identifying areas where standards were exceeded and consideration of where further assessment/monitoring was required.
- Creation of appropriate action plans to achieve targets and responsibilities for doing so.
- Consideration of appropriate monitoring to assess efficiency and effectiveness of any action plans.
- Estimation of costs.
- Raising public awareness to air quality as a whole.

On completion the document will provide a reasonable, cost-effective and proportionate air quality strategy for Jersey's Health and Social Services Committee. To achieve this, the services of a Senior Air Quality Scientist from NETCEN has been engaged.

In addition, the strategy will include not only traffic considerations but also the recent concern over incineration policies. Sustainable Development, co-operation and liaison within and between authorities, informing and educating the public are among the many issues. The main aim though is to meet the requirements of current standards such as those provided by the European Air Quality Directives