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Request and Response

Please find Devon County Council's response to each of your questions below;

I hereby request that you provide details of your planned funding / budget allocation for carrying out Air Quality Improvements to all defined Air Quality Management Areas throughout Devon. Additionally can you provide a full breakdown of the allocated or ring fenced funding for each current Air Quality Action Plan throughout Devon.

The County Council recently presented a [report](#) to its Place Scrutiny Committee, which included a list of interventions that are being taken at international, national and local government levels with the aim of collectively improving air quality. The County Council has an important transportation role encouraging behavioural change (i.e. mode shift) and delivering infrastructure that will help manage increasing congestion. There is a table in the report that sets out how NO₂ emissions have changed since 2010 levels and it is evident across the County that overall NO₂ levels have been on the decline.

There is no allocated or ring-fenced funding to specifically address air quality action plans; however, for 2016/17 there is a transport capital programme and a sustainable transport transition fund revenue programme, details of which are provided below:

Devon's Transport Capital Programme 2016/17

Attached is a copy of this year's [transport capital programme](#), which amounts to £29.777m of schemes.

The capital programme includes funding commitments for a range of infrastructure projects that will encourage increased levels of walking and cycling for shorter distance and leisure trips and greater use of public transport – this has the aim of reducing peoples' reliance on the private car, which can help manage congestion in the most problematic areas. The programme also includes a number of highway schemes (link roads / junction upgrades), which aim to ease the flow of traffic and reduce queuing and delays which can contribute to improved air quality in combination with other international and national interventions.

Sustainable Transport Transition Fund

Earlier this year, Devon County Council secured £500,000 to deliver a programme of activities working with schools, employers and communities within the growth areas of Exeter, Teignbridge and North Devon. The programme focuses on promoting more active journeys so that the number of walking and cycling journeys to work and education will increase in the long term.

If you wish to speak with someone regarding the above request, please contact the Information Governance Team on 01392 384678 or email accesstoinformation@devon.gov.uk