Exeter Low Emission Strategy (2015-2018)

Exeter City Council's Low Emission Vision:

"To continue to support a vibrant and growing economy whilst reducing emissions that are harmful to both human health and the environment"

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Summary

Exeter is one of the greenest and healthiest cities in the country. But as in all cities, pollution from cars, lorries, buses and vans does cause poorer air quality.

Air pollution has a negative impact on the health of those living and working in Exeter. In most cases this impact will be fairly small, but for some people it could be significant. This strategy explains steps that will be taken to cut the emissions of harmful pollutants from traffic in Exeter, to reduce the impact that air pollution has on people's health and to increase understanding of the problem amongst those living and working in the city.

In 2011 Exeter City Council declared an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) because measured levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) were higher in some parts of the city than European Union (EU) limit values and the UK's national objectives for air quality. The main sources of the high NO_2 concentrations are transport emissions, and this is reflected in the AQMA boundary, which includes all of the main routes into and around the city.

The Exeter Low Emission Strategy for 2015 to 2018 seeks to address this by identifying actions that will reduce transport emissions of nitrous oxides (NO_x) and contribute towards meeting the EU limit values for NO_2 , whilst also reducing emissions of particulates, noise and carbon dioxide (CO_2).

The strategy will improve connections between the work done by air quality officers and public health specialists. It will consider both local air quality and climate change issues to ensure that policies are beneficial to both.

The strategy contains actions that are arranged under 6 themes:

- Exeter City Council actions
- Business and employer actions
- Commuting / personal travel
- Reducing congestion on roads
- Encouraging low emission vehicles
- Health and awareness

These actions will be undertaken by Exeter City Council and key stakeholders including Devon County Council during the period 2015 to 2018 to ensure that the city continues to grow and prosper, and that planned development is delivered as sustainably as possible.





1. Introduction

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The Exeter Low Emission Strategy for 2015 to 2018 seeks to address this by identifying actions that will reduce transport emissions of nitrous oxides (NO_x) and contribute towards meeting the EU limit values for NO_2 , whilst also reducing emissions of particulates, noise and carbon dioxide (CO_2). These actions can be undertaken by Exeter City Council and various stakeholders including Devon County Council to ensure that the city continues to grow and prosper, and that planned development is delivered as sustainably as possible. The strategy will improve connections between the work done by air quality officers and public health specialists. It will consider both local air quality and climate change issues to ensure that policies are beneficial to both.

Exeter City Council firmly believes that the successful development of the Low Emission Strategy depends on the involvement of and consultation with businesses and residents (locally based stakeholders). This strategy already reflects contributions from each of these. Low transport emissions, and a vibrant growing economy are both seen as part of a sustainable future for Exeter, where cleaner vehicles, more efficient use of vehicles and reduced number of vehicles combine to reduce emissions and costs.

The strategy includes some actions which are in progress or just starting out and integrates these with new initiatives where possible. The strategy is for the period 2015-2018, after which it will be reviewed and updated, based on an evaluation of the first three year period.

2. Strategic Aims

The aims of the Low Emission Strategy are:

- 1. To take actions that will reduce emissions from transport in Exeter and support sustainable development.
- 2. To reduce emissions from all classes of vehicles, and to work with all groups who travel or who generate traffic, including emissions from the council owned fleet and staff vehicles (driven for business use).
- 3. To improve the understanding of air pollution as an issue that should be considered during the development of policy, and to influence decisions made in the Greater Exeter area.



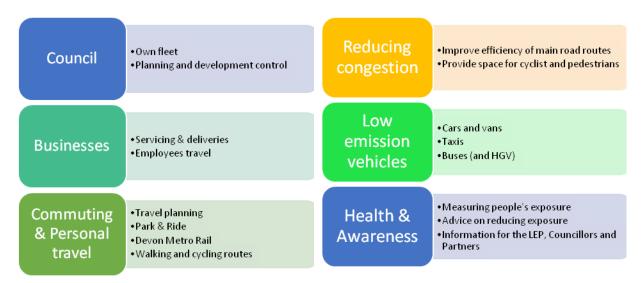




- 4. To actively seek funding opportunities to implement stretching and innovative measures, especially opportunities to increase the use of ultra-low emission vehicles.
- 5. To evaluate the success of the strategy and report annually. To use the lessons learned during the strategy period to develop a strategy for 2018 onwards.

3. Themes and Actions

The strategy contains six themes, each with a set of actions:



More detail is set out in the tables that follow.





3.1 Council Activities

Initiative	Action	Responsible
Reduce emissions from	Reduce emissions from:	Exeter City Council
council vehicles	Council owned vehicles	fleet management.
	Staff owned vehicles driven for business use	Exeter City Council managers and staff required to use own vehicles for council business.
	Reduce ECC fuel use by 5% between	Exeter City Council
	2014 and 2015.	fleet management.

3.2 Business and employer activities

Initiative	Action	Responsible
Help businesses in and around	Reintroduce a Freight Quality	Led by Devon County
Exeter to benefit from more	Partnership to champion initiatives to	Council and Exeter
efficient delivery of goods and	deliver freight more effectively,	City Council with
servicing (by vans and HGVs)	including investigation of delivery	involvement of
	times to avoid congestion, load	Chamber of
	consolidation and low emission	Commerce, Freight
	vehicles/fuels.	Transport Association
		and Road Haulage
		Association.
Enable businesses to promote	Sustainable travel for employees	
sustainable travel options to	commuting:	
their employees	 Introduction of sites for drivers to 	Major employers (e.g.
	"Park and Change" on the outskirts	Exeter University are
	of Exeter to car share and reduce	supportive).
	the number of car trips (launched in	
	October 2014 by Devon Council and	
	the Chamber of Commerce)	
	 Close working between Exeter City 	Both councils will
	Council and Devon County Council	continue to build on
	to engage with businesses on travel	work with local
	planning	businesses to improve
		travel planning.

3.3 Commuting and personal travel

Initiative	Action	Responsible
Help individuals with travel	Travel planning and sustainable	Devon County Council,
planning and provide more	transport options at new	supported by Exeter
information to help them make	developments:	City Council
more sustainable travel	 Provide a travel plan production 	Developers have been
choices (e.g. walk, bike, bus,	and monitoring service to	supportive of this to
car share, train, park & ride)	developers in the major growth	date.





Initiative	Action	Responsible
	 areas in the city. (e.g. Monkerton, Newcourt, Pinhoe and East Devon growth areas) Promote Exeter City Council's Supplementary Planning Document on sustainable 	
	transport via this process Identify potential changes to park & ride capacity: • Promote the development of improved park and ride capacity and services to the city centre • Complete the identification process for a site to serve the A30 west during the LES delivery period This is part of a range of measures to reduce demand from individual car	Devon County Council, supported by Exeter City Council
	use and may create the opportunity to improve local bus services, use cleaner fuels, and improve bus priority. Promotion of Devon Metro Rail: Promote travel by rail into the city to reduce traffic on the highway network as new stations open (e.g. Marsh Barton and Cranbrook stations in 2015) Brand and market Devon Metro to employees and businesses as a clean, green and efficient way to travel Improve the level of parking and facilities at rural stations for onward travel into the city (e.g. via Park & Change)	Devon County Council, supported by Exeter City Council Requires support from Teignbridge and East Devon councils and Network Rail.
	Champion the development of enhanced walking and cycling routes alongside new infrastructure and development: Work with community and interest groups to identify options Work together with the Local Enterprise Partnership and other sources to identify and deliver improvements Introduce smart-ticketing for bus	Exeter City Council Devon County Council Local Enterprise Partnership Community and interest groups Stagecoach
	services in the city	Stagecoach





	Introduce Real Time Information (RTI) at bus stops in Exeter. Introduce a real time phone app for bus services	Devon County Council and Stagecoach
	Complete a review of the existing parking strategy including real time information on parking space availability at all car parks across the city	Exeter City Council
Continued improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure	 Actively support walking and cycling facilities to be delivered as part of new developments. Identify funding opportunities to deliver new infrastructure. Work with community and interest groups to identify opportunities for further improvements 	Exeter City Council, Developers, interest and community groups

3.4 Reducing congestion and improving flow

Initiative	Action	Responsible
Improve the efficiency of main road routes to speed up essential vehicle journey times and reduce queuing traffic	 Continue to look for opportunities to improve flow on key routes for all road users (e.g. Bridge Road scheme and signalled roundabouts at Moor Lane and the motorway services and the Bad Homburg Way roundabout near Matford Park and Ride site, Marsh Barton) Adjust traffic signal timings where this is possible and will reduce pollution (e.g. give Alphington Cross a shorter cycle time at certain times of day) Remove 'pinch points' where possible in order to extend existing priority lanes for bus or freight Identify new and improved bus links and bus priority measures Promote the permitted use of priority lanes by HGV (via Freight Quality Partnership) 	Devon County Council
Provide space for cyclist and	Find improvements and implement	Devon County Council
pedestrian traffic	restrictions in appropriate areas of	and Exeter City
	the city centre to create more space	Council, closely
	for shoppers, visitors and walking or	working with any





Initiative	Action	Responsible
	cycling.	parties affected by
		change.

3.5 Low emission vehicles

Initiative	Action	Responsible
Increase the number of organisations and individuals using low emission cars and vans in Exeter	Assist organisations in Exeter to apply for Government grants to help fund low emission vehicles, and to benefit from lower running and maintenance costs.	Exeter City Council
	 Exeter City Council to: Produce printed and online information for use when suitable grant funding opportunities arise for low emission cars and associated infrastructure Promote the availability and cost-effectiveness of using electric vans for urban deliveries, via an information pack and engagement with the Office for Low Emission Vehicles and the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership Promote existing examples of low emission vehicles (e.g. RD&E Hospital) to demonstrate how they can benefit business 	
	 Devon County Council to: Engage with businesses on low emission vehicles, while undertaking travel planning activities Consider opportunities for changes to on street and off street parking policies to manage demand, encourage alternative travel choices and the take up of low emission vehicles 	Devon County Council
Review on street and off street parking for low emission vehicles to promote electric	Complete review of parking within Exeter. Be prepared for future funding	Exeter City Council and Devon County Council
vehicles	opportunities.	
Investigate opportunity for low	Identify potential low emission	
emission corridor(s) and/or	corridor(s) and/or zones(s) for future	
zones within Exeter	funding opportunities.	
Boost the numbers of low	Use age and emission standards to	Exeter City Council (as





Initiative	Action	Responsible
emission vehicles used by taxi and private hire operators	reduce emissions from hackney carriages, and seek opportunities to reduce emissions from private hire vehicles.	the taxi licensing authority).
Support bus operators to make improvements to their fleet and lower emissions	Bus operators to: Investigate potential for alternative fuels to reduce emissions and cost of bus operations (e.g. Compressed Natural Gas, Biomethane, Biodiesel and Battery Electric) Highlight that new vehicles joining their diesel fleet contribute to reduced emissions	Stagecoach and other bus operators. Exeter City Council Devon County Council
Exeter City Council and Devon County Council to investigate opportunities for alternative fuels for their own vehicle fleets, and those they support	 Exeter City and Devon County councils to: Investigate opportunities for alternative fuels in their own vehicle fleets and the option of shared re-fuelling stations (with bus companies and HGV operators). Assess opportunities from future supported bus services (e.g. Park and Ride, new developments) to support low emission vehicles and fuels Look for options to support the local generation and use of renewable and low emission fuels through the planning process 	Exeter City Council, Devon County Council, Stagecoach, FQP.

3.6 Health and awareness

Initiative	Action	Responsible
Raise awareness of the effects	 Conduct a trial with commuters and 	Exeter City Council,
of poor air quality and the	students using monitoring	Public Health team at
benefits of taking action in and	equipment to demonstrate levels of	Devon County Council
around Exeter	exposure to pollutants	
	Provide advice to residents and	Exeter City Council,
	employees living and working in	Public Health team at
	areas with higher pollution on how	Devon County Council
	to reduce their exposure	





Work with the Local Enterprise	Exeter City Council,
Partnership to ensure transport policy development takes account of air quality issues • Deliver a workshop on air quality for the Local Enterprise Partnership and	Devon County Council
Chamber of Commerce members Regular meetings between Devon County Council and Exeter City Council to identify opportunities for progressing the Low Emission Strategy, and developing it further as funding allows	Exeter City Council, working with Air Quality officers in East Devon and Teignbridge.

4. Low Emission Strategy Steering Group

A LES steering group will be set up and meet quarterly to identify opportunities for delivering schemes within the city. The objective is to help ensure future transport funding is delivered to the most appropriate schemes in terms of growing the economy, whilst mitigating the impact of travel on people's health and the environment. The steering group includes representatives from Exeter City Council, Devon County Council, and key partners.

The LES steering group will engage with the Local Enterprise Partnership to try to ensure that air quality is a consideration when funding is allocated within the region, particularly where it affects travel to and from Exeter. To ensure buy in on air quality issues the first output of the LES steering group will be to deliver a workshop on air quality to both the Local Enterprise Partnership and Chamber of Commerce members in 2015. This workshop will highlight the issues of poor air quality, before demonstrating the clear delivery plan of the LES and how this, with assistance from partners, can help to bring Exeter's air quality into line with EU standards.

5. Monitoring Success

5.1 Monitoring

Exeter City Council will monitor the influence of the strategy using existing data gathered by Devon County Council relating to traffic movements to demonstrate the success of the LES, for example¹:

- Traffic data and analysis
- Bus data and analysis
- Rail data and analysis

¹ As detailed in the Exeter Infrastructure Planning Baseline Traffic Evidence Base Report (February 2011) via http://www.devon.gov.uk/eldf-traffic-evidence-base-report.pdf







• Cycle data and analysis

In addition, specific monitoring may need developing for certain actions, for example the take up of low emission vehicles will need to be recorded by other means that differentiate them from general traffic/vehicles. In the case of any schemes that benefit from funding or require registration this should be relatively straightforward if a baseline situation is recorded to monitor against.

In addition Devon County Council have offered developers the opportunity for Devon County Council to complete the travel plan for any new development being delivered in the area. This is seen as a win-win for both parties, as the developers' costs for planning and delivering sustainable travel are reduced and Devon County Council get a plan that is deliverable. The monitoring processes included in these plans will provide evidence of the success of the initiatives outlined above in mitigating the impacts of travel.

Changes to Exeter City Council's fleet will be recorded and available on Exeter City Council's website. This will identify where changes have been made to reduce the impact of the Council's fleet on local air quality.

Appendix 3 includes the monitoring plan that will be followed by Exeter City Council to show how the delivery timeframe and key milestones for each initiative within the LES will be assessed. The annual monitoring report will then provide a short summary relating to how the change has been made and the expected impact on air quality.

5.2 Potential benefits

As part of the work to develop this strategy the Council has developed a significant body of evidence about traffic, emissions and their impact on air quality. Details are provided in Appendix 2 to this document. This work has been used to test the potential benefits of a range of possible actions, and helped to decide what should be included in the strategy. The analysis shows that by implementing only the most feasible measures in the strategy there will be a measurable reduction of emissions and a small improvement in air quality. However, much greater benefits are possible if the strategy is delivered in full and reaches its ambitious potential as this will bring significant benefits to air quality. The task now is to implement as many of the actions in the strategy as possible in order to turn these predicted changes into real benefits for reduced pollutant and CO₂ emissions.





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Appendix 1 – Implementation Plan

Taking each of the themes of the LES above the following appendix provides information relating to: the lead partner(s); the methods of delivery, timescales for delivery, the estimated costs and possible sources of funding available to deliver each initiative.

Council activities

Reduce emissions from council vehicles

Lead/Partners	Methods	Timescale	Cost	(Potential) Funding Sources
Fleet Manager,	 Use the Fleet Management Emissions 	Ongoing through three years	TBC at time of	Council funding.
Exeter City	(FME) tool developed by TRL. The fleet	of LES when fleet is updated.	purchase	
Council	manager will identify the best vehicles			Other funding sources for
	in terms of specification, price, carbon			procurement of low
	reduction and local air quality when			emission vehicles when
	making changes to ECC's fleet, or			available.
	recommending changes to the Green			
	Travel Plan.			
	Seek funding to electrify the Council	2015-2018	To be confirmed	Office of Low Emission
	van fleet		if/when funding	Vehicles grant opportunities
	ECC's Corporate Plan includes a desire	Between April 2014 and	awarded	
	to reduce fuel use by ECC fleet by 5%	March 2016.	Office Time	Council funding
	between 2014 and 2016.		Officer Time	
Exeter City	 ECC's Corporate Plan includes a desire 	Between April 2014 and	Officer Time	Council funding
Council	to reduce emissions from ECC fleet by	March 2016.		
	5% between 2014 and 2016. This is			
	being completed by improvements to			
	vehicle utilisation and promotion of			
	pool car use. This is will be reviewed			
	and a new commitment set in 2016/17.			





Business activities

Assist businesses in and around Exeter to benefit from more efficient delivery of goods and servicing (by vans and HGVs)

Lead/Partners	Methods	Timescale	Cost	(Potential) Funding Sources
Led by Devon	Reintroduce a Freight Quality	FQP set up by June 2015	No £ cost for running	Council officer time.
County Council	Partnership.	Initiatives, scoping studies and	FQP, but input of	
and Exeter City		member actions to be	officer and partner	
Council with		delivered between 2015 and	time and donations in	
involvement of		2018.	kind (i.e. meeting	
Chamber of			rooms)	
Commerce,	FQP to form a bidding partnership to	2016-18.		Local Growth Fund.
Freight Transport	take advantage of funding			Local Transport Plan
Association and	sources/competitions. Enable scoping,			
Road Haulage	investigation, data collection etc. to			Funding competitions from
Association	provide basis for scheme(s) to be			Central Government.
	implemented or qualify for other			
	funding sources.			
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	FQP to champion initiatives identified			Private funding.
	by partners.			

Enable businesses to promote sustainable travel options to their employees

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Lead/Partners	Methods	Timescale	Cost	(Potential) Funding Source
Devon County	DCC to deliver Park and Change across	DCC initiated Park and Change	Phase 1 cost of	Local Sustainable Transport
Council and	the city.	programme in October 2014.	£70,000 in 2015/16,	Fund.
Businesses and		Scheme to be rolled out in	with follow on work	Local Transport Plan
institutions		2015 and managed	being DCC staff time.	
		throughout LES.		





Delivery of travel planning support.	Travel planning support to be delivered as required by businesses, for planning purposes, or when funding is identified.	Via a proportion of sustainable travel plan teams staff time.	Internal staff revenue budgets from DCC. ² Opportunities for further funding similar to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund to be sought.
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Commuting and personal travel

Assist individuals with travel planning and provide more information to help make more sustainable travel choices (e.g. walk, bike, bus, car share, train, park & ride).

Lead/Partners	Methods	Timescale	Cost	(Potential) Funding Sources
Devon CC, Exeter CC and Developers	Promotion of sustainable transport and travel planning with new developments. Devon CC are working with term contractors Jacobs to provide travel planning support for new developers.	Ongoing. Working with developers to ensure transport options are available when development sites open.	Will be determined by extent of new developments	Developers.
	Promote improved Park and Ride capacity.	When funding is available.	£6.1m (2013 estimate)	DCC LTP in past, and now via Local Growth Fund/LEP.
	Promote Devon Metro (rail)	Devon Metro Programme, delivery, investigation and promotion activities to run throughout LES period. Including new stations at Marsh Barton, Newcourt and Cranbrook	£6.1m Exeter	Developers New Stations Fund LEP Local Growth fund LTP

² Funding likely to be in proportion to new developments (rather than retrospective travel plan work).







Smart ticketing	Stagecoach starting to expand smart ticketing by 2016.	To be delivered commercially by bus operator.	Stagecoach
 Real Time Information (RTI) to be added to stops in Exeter. App to provide RTI information on bus services including integration of bus priority at key signal junctions 	RTI to be available on Smartphones and at selected key bus stops by end of 2015.	£480,000 across Devon including Exeter	DCC
 ECC undertaking a parking strategy, including review of real-time information provision during time period of study 	To be completed in 2015.	£70,000	ECC

Continued improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure

Lead/Partners	Methods	Timescale	Cost	(Potential) Funding Source
Devon County Council, Exeter City Council, Local Enterprise	 Champion walking and cycling facilities to be delivered as part of new developments. 	Ongoing throughout LES.	Will be determined by extent of new developments	Developers LEP Local Growth Fund Local Transport Plan
Partnership Community and interest groups	 Identify funding opportunities to deliver improvements to existing infrastructure. A <u>Cycling Strategy</u> and a separate <u>Walking Strategy</u> were developed in 2011 and 2012 respectively highlighting preferred schemes. 	To be delivered when funding is available.	Cost dependent per scheme	Schemes are on the RDF/LEP list ('Exeter Package').





 Identify opportunities for funding for new infrastructure. 	Identify funding opportunities.	All candidate schemes to be costed during LES	New developments: developer contributors via s106 and planning
 Work with community and interest groups to identify new infrastructure opportunities. 	Ongoing throughout LES.	period, ready for funding opportunities.	conditions. CIL schedule includes Monkerton and Newcourt cycling link.

Reducing congestion and improving flow

Improve the efficiency of main road routes to speed up essential vehicle journey times and reduce queuing traffic

Lead/Partners	Methods	Timescale	Cost	(Potential) Funding Sources
Devon County	Continue to look for opportunities to	2015-2016	£8.4m 2014/15	Developers
Council and	improve flow on key routes for all road			LEP Local Growth Fund
Exeter City	users. Including improvement schemes		£4.8m 2015/16	Local Transport Plan
Council	for Bridge Road, Moor Lane junction,			
	Exhibition Way, M5 Junction 30 and the			
	Tithebarn Link.			
	Remove 'pinch points' that could be used to extend existing priority lanes for bus or freight.	Plan to identify key pinch points on the network – 2015.	Cost dependent per scheme	To be confirmed
	Improve bus links and bus priority	Identify plans to improve	Cost dependent per	Developers
	measures.	network flow – 2016-2018.	scheme	CIL
				LEP Local Growth Fund
				Local Transport Plan





Provide space for pedestrian and cycle traffic

Lead/Partners	Methods	Timescale	Cost	(Potential) Funding Source
Devon County Council, Exeter	Create a plan to identify changes to the city (outside city centre) to	Delivered in 2015-2018, based on key nodes identified by	Schemes to be costed on a scheme	To be confirmed
City Council	accommodate walking and cycling trips. This may be linked to low emission corridors, and walking and cycling strategies	Walking Strategy and Cycling Strategy.	by scheme basis	

Low emission vehicles

Increase the number of organisations and individuals using low emission cars and vans in Exeter

Lead/Partners	Methods	Timescale	Cost	(Potential) Funding Sources
Devon County Council and Exeter City Council	Exeter City Council to: Produce information outlining what grants and incentives are available for low emission cars and associated infrastructure.	To deliver in 2015 and update 2016-2018.	Officer time	From existing staff and resource budgets
	Promote electric vans for urban deliveries.	Ongoing throughout LES.	Officer time	From existing staff and resource budgets
	Promote existing examples of low emission vehicles (e.g. RD&E Hospital) to demonstrate how they can benefit business.	Ongoing throughout LES.	Officer time	From existing staff and resource budgets
	 Devon County Council to: Engage with businesses on low emission vehicles, while undertaking travel planning activities. 	Ongoing throughout LES.	Officer time	From existing staff and resource budgets, and any grant funding competition opportunities.





Consider opportunities for changes to street and off street parking policies to manage demand, encourage alternative travel choices and the take up of low emission vehicles. Link to options for promotion on-street EV. Promote preferential parking spaces for ULEV in public (council) owned car parks.	to be undertaken in 2015. This includes Office of Low Emission Vehicles grant opportunities Roll out of any changes by 2018.	Officer time	On-street and off-street changes could be revenue neutral. Grant funding exists to pay for EV charge point installation and equipment. Electricity costs might be recovered by low charge to users.
Joint action to: Investigate and promote concept or low emission corridor(s) and/or zones(s) to encourage take up of lo emission vehicles and fuels, and spe for low emission modes (cycling, walking).	w	Officer time, and investigation costs as part of working up scope and applying for funding.	Funding competitions.

Boost the numbers of low emission vehicles used by taxi and private hire operators

Lead/Partners	Methods	Timescale	Cost	(Potential) Funding Source
Exeter City Council.	 Use age and emission standards to reduce emissions from hackney carriages. 	By 2015 for new vehicles and by 2020 at the latest for replacements.	Officer time	Officer time and taxi operators.
	Seek and advertise funding opportunities for replacement of private hire vehicles with Ultra-Low Emission Vehicles, or to implement fuel saving technologies	If funding available	To be confirmed if funding received.	Office of Low Emission Vehicles grant opportunities etc.





Support bus, public and commercial fleet operators to make improvements to their fleet and lower emissions

Lead/Partners	Methods	Timescale	Cost	(Potential) Funding Source
Stagecoach and	Investigate potential for alternative fuels	Ongoing but will be linked to	Cost will vary on	From partners intending to
other bus	to reduce emissions and cost of bus	changes to bus depot	whether partners	use the refuelling facility,
operators	 operations (e.g. Compressed Natural Gas and Biodiesel and Battery Electric). Promote new vehicles in their diesel fleet as a contribution to reducing emissions. 	relocation.	own the site, and equipment or lease it, and on size of fuel station (which is dependent on number of vehicles being fuelled).	aided by grants (Government) funding if and when available.
Exeter City Council and Devon County Council	 Exeter City and Devon County councils to: Investigate opportunities for alternative fuels in their own vehicle fleets and the option of shared re-fuelling stations (with bus companies and HGV operators). 	See Council Activities.	Officer time.	From commercial and public partners, making best use of any grant competitions and changes bus service operator grant or low carbon bus increments.
	 Assess opportunities from future supported bus services (e.g. Park and Ride, new developments) to support low emission vehicles and fuels Look for options to support the local generation and use of renewable and low emission fuels through the planning process 	When funding and development opportunities become available. In parallel with actions on bus fleet considerations	Officer time	





Health and awareness

Raise awareness of the effects of poor air quality and the benefits of taking action in and around Exeter

Lead/Partners	Methods	Timescale	Cost	(Potential) Funding Source
Exeter City Council, Public Health Devon	Conduct a trial with commuters and students using monitoring equipment to demonstrate levels of exposure to pollutants.	To be conducted in 2015.	£2,000	Health and Wellbeing Board
	Report the findings to gain greater coverage of air quality issues and the measures available to resolve them.	Provide summary of findings to press as means of promoting LES.	Existing officer time.	Existing officer / staff budgets.
	Provide advice to residents and employees living and working in areas with higher pollution on how to reduce their exposure.	Ongoing throughout LES.	Existing officer resources	As above.





Appendix 2 – Modelling Results

The Appendix 2 Modelling Results are supplied as a separate MS Word and PDF file.





Appendix 3 – Monitoring Plan

The monitoring plan is supplied in a separate Excel file.



