

**Statement from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) to the Cabinet meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July 21**

On 12<sup>th</sup> July 21 OSMB received an update on the Clean Air Zone (CAZ). The majority of Members are broadly supportive of the CAZ and welcome the many benefits this will bring to the city but were disappointed to hear that implementation of the scheme would be delayed until summer 2022.

Several public forum statements were submitted for the meeting (see attached) and Members agreed that they raised some very important points that Cabinet should consider, as set out in each submission. OSMB Members would be particularly interested to know whether the Council had fully assessed the impact of the delay on residents' health or whether the Government had asked for information on any additional impact. Even though legal compliance is still expected to be achieved by 2023, it is not clear whether the additional pollution generated during the period of delay will cause a measurable impact on health. This includes contributing to an increase in the number of early deaths, before they start to reduce as the compliance date is approached. Cabinet are asked to consider this and adjust the plan as necessary.

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