AIR QUALITY STRATEGY

AIM:

To ensure that the air quality objectives set out in the Air Quality Regulations 2000 are complied with.

BACKGROUND:

The Environmental Health Unit uses a variety of monitoring techniques to assess air pollution levels across Warwick District.

A fixed site at Holly Walk in Learnington Spa continuously monitors the following pollutants:

Ozone; Carbon Monoxide; Sulphur Dioxide; Nitrogen Dioxide; PM10 Particulates.

It is part of the National Automatic Urban Network (AUN). The public is kept informed about pollution through information provided on our website. As part of the AUN data is also collected hourly on behalf of the Government by NETCEN who validate it and make it available to the public through Ceefax and Teletext and also presents the information on a national air quality website.

Air quality within the district is generally good, with few periods of high or very high pollution levels.

ACTIONS:

- 1. To continue to monitor pollutants using both continuous and passive methods.
- 2. To assess the results gained from monitoring in order to determine compliance with the National Air Quality Objectives.
- 3. To declare Air Quality Management Areas if the objectives cannot be complied with.