



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

# **Review of Local Air Quality Management**

## **Changes to Guidance and Reporting**

**Investigation of Air Pollution Standing Conference**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

**Maple House, 150 Corporation Street, Birmingham**

# Drivers for change



**Improve Public Health**

**Local Authorities**



**National Air Quality Plans**



**Cut Red Tape!**



**Focus on taking action!**

$\text{NO}_2$

$\text{PM}_{10}$

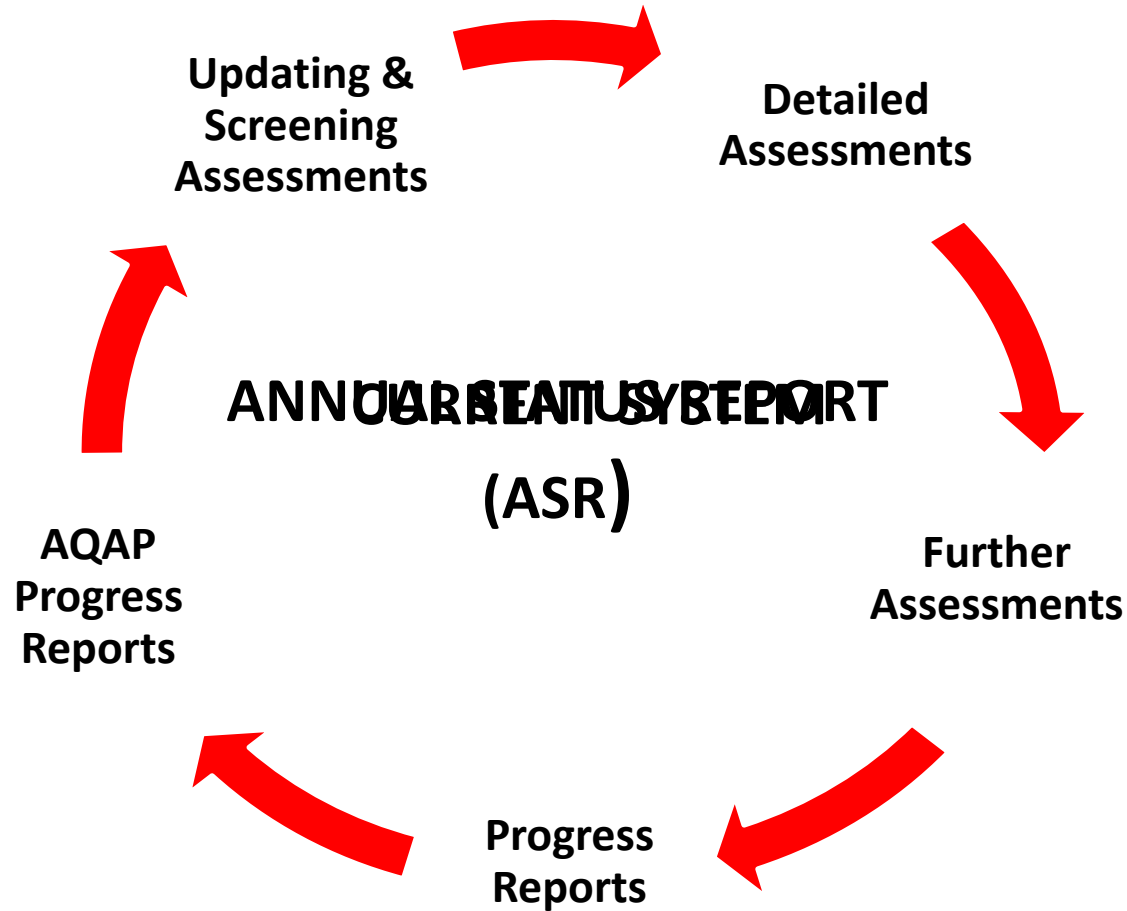
$\text{PM}_{2.5}$

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**Promote public-buy in!**

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**Streamlined reporting**

**Public facing**

**ANNUAL STATUS REPORT  
(ASR)**

**Efficient use  
of resources**

**Robust  
evidence but  
proportionate**

# Streamlining of reports – Action Plan template

**Reduce  
burden**

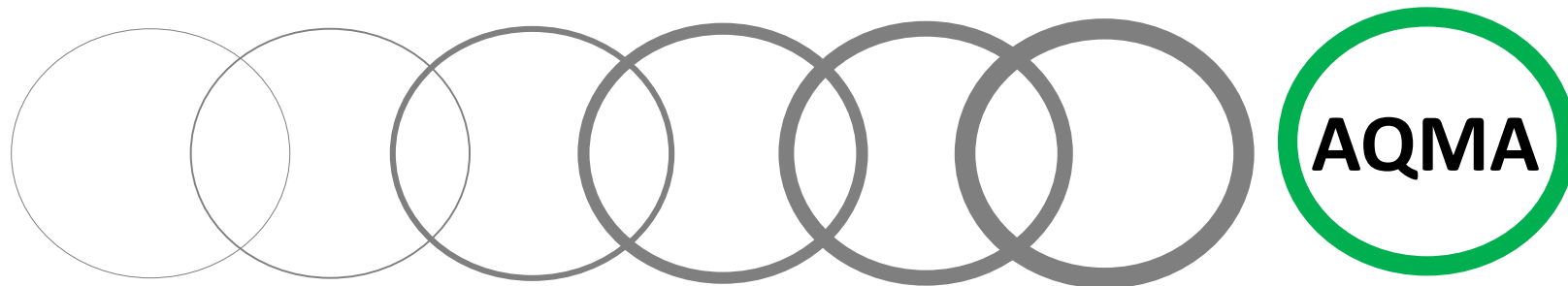
**Greater  
consistency**

**ACTION PLAN TEMPLATE**

**Read-across  
of local  
actions**

**Flexibility to  
add sections**

# Option for fast-track AQMAs (for consultation)



- Assumes most LAs now have a much better understanding of AQ in their areas
- LAs encouraged to declare AQMA immediately upon local intelligence/annual monitoring showing persistent exceedance or close to exceedance

**Declaration of  
AQMA Order**



**Preparation of  
Action Plan**

# Reporting 'under control' pollutants by exception

NO NEED TO REVIEW AND ASSESS UNLESS CONCERNS RAISED IN AREA

Benzene

1,3-Butadiene

Carbon Monoxide

Lead

# PM2.5 and public health

- **New PM2.5 role based on local circumstances and priorities**
- **LAs must describe chosen approach in ASR**
- **National monitoring/modelling available but LAs may conduct own assessment**
- **Guidance/tools available but policy will evolve based on LA feedback**





# Clarification of roles and responsibilities

*Responsibility*

*Co-benefits*

*Wellbeing*



*Partnership*

*Health Benefits*

*Ownership*

*Clarification*

**County**

**District**

# Next steps

- Regional Coordinators Group meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> December – to workshop the consultation
- Consultation closes 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016
- Summary of responses published soon after
- Final changes to reporting templates and guidance – then made available to LAs – early 2016
- Revised LAQM system in place mid-2016

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