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Government update:

The Clean Air Zone Framework

National air quality plan

- Published 17th December 2015
- Aim to improve people's health
- Transport identified as the main issue
- Underpinned with action on other sources



National air quality plan

- Judicial Review ruling
 - Insufficient evidence it would deliver in the shortest possible time
- Approach is designed to be scalable and flexible
 - Blend of targeted and broader action
 - Clean Air Zones to deliver concerted action
 - Accelerated transition to low emission fleet
 - Support for alternative modes



Implementation

Joint Air Quality Unit

- Core team, with wider policy, procurement, commercial and legal support
- Responsible for delivering the plans and compliance
- Coordinate action across government
- Support Local Authorities



Air Quality Grant

- At least £3M
- Open to all local authorities with air quality problems
- Supporting immediate action and long term innovation



Implementation

Local Authority Feasibility studies

- Working closely with cities
- Local data gathering and assessment
- Funded by government



Legislation

- LAs already have powers to set up Clean Air Zones
- Transport act 2000
- Legislation to ensure they are set up in places of greatest need



Vision for Clean Air Zones

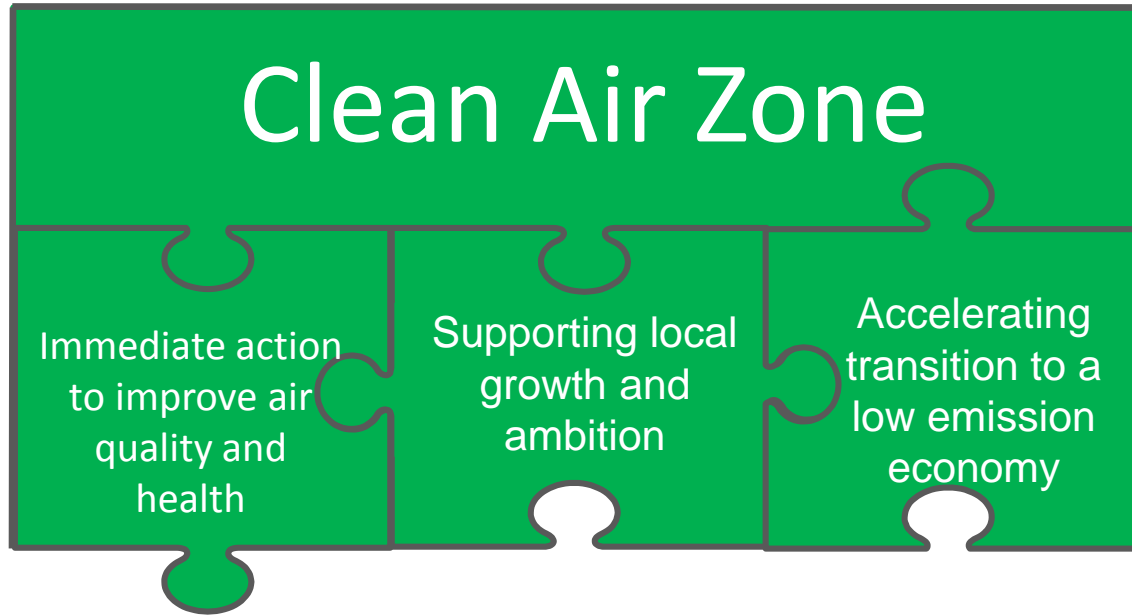


- Improve the urban environment and public health
 - Make cities more attractive places to live, work, do business and spend leisure time
 - Support cities to grow in a sustainable way
 - Aid the transition to a low emission economy
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Structure of the Framework



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Minimum requirements

- In response to a clearly defined air quality problem.
- Signposted
- Raise awareness
- Part of local plans
- Local authority taking the lead
- Make it easier to use ultra low emission vehicles
- Support healthy active travel



Immediate action
to improve air
quality and
health

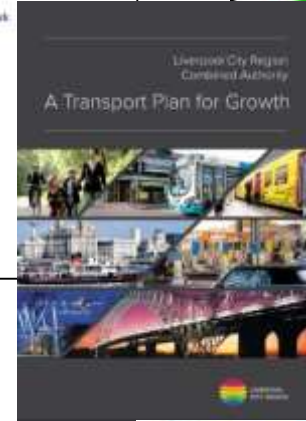


- Reducing local emissions
- Encouraging healthy travel
- Encouraging cleaner vehicles





- Raising awareness
- Delivering local ambition
- Improving the business environment

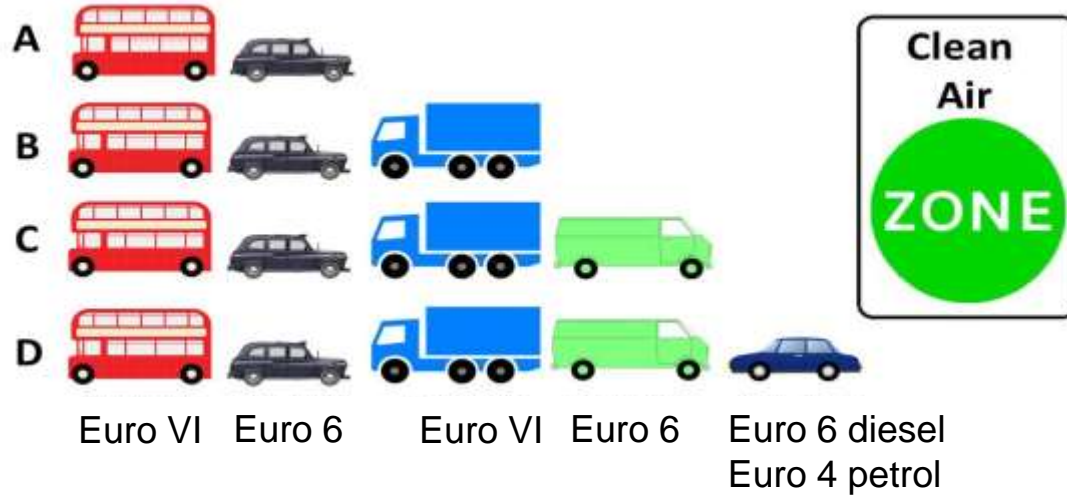


Accelerating transition to a low emission economy



- Accelerating ultra-low emission vehicle take up
- Improving services and infrastructure





Access restrictions to encourage cleaner vehicles

Summary

- Zones are about improving public health
- Asset for a city
- The Framework identifies the outputs
 - Provides ideas
 - Only prescriptive on the access restrictions
- Provide a focus for action across a city

Next steps

- Consultation on Clean Air Zone Framework closes on 9 December.
- Expect to publish the final Framework during the first half of 2017.

- Any questions on Clean Air Zones – email to:

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