

### City leaders representing 20 million people sign up to world's most ambitious clean air plan

Speaking following the #LoveCleanAir summit hosted by the Mayor of London, UK100 and in partnership with UNICEF UK, Polly Billington, Director of UK100, a cities network that campaigns on the environment said:

"UK100 are delighted that city leaders and mayors representing 20 million people across the length and breadth of the country have today signed up to the world's most ambitious plans for clean air legislation including tougher, legally binding WHO limits on air pollution.

"The head of the NHS and the Secretary of State for Health listened to the discussions and the Secretary of State for Environment Michael Gove promised he would sign up to the pledges soon. We look forward to continuing these productive discussions to ensure we all #LoveCleanAir."

The city leaders and environmental groups attending today's summit at Tate Modern called for the Government's proposed Environment Bill to be renamed the Clean Air and Environment Bill and include the following provisions:

- **Adopt World Health Organisation recommended air pollution limits as legally binding targets to be achieved by 2030** to guarantee the highest health standards that are supported by improved monitoring that assesses air quality and the powers to enforce.
- **Create an independent watchdog that is adequately funded and empowered to hold the Government to account**, including through legal action and the levelling of fines, and review and be able to require action needed to reduce air pollution from Government and other public bodies such as Highways England.
- **Grant Local Authorities the powers they need, with necessary resources, to deliver zero emission transport networks.**
- **Enable the setting and enforcement of ambitious standards for local air quality, including for solid fuel stoves.** Including powers for regional authorities to control emissions from other fixed sources, such as boilers and combined heat and power sources as well as set energy efficiency standards including for existing buildings.
- **Establish adequately resourced local powers to set and enforce emission zones for Non-Road Mobile Machinery** such as construction, industry and agricultural equipment.
- **Require co-ordinated action from private and public bodies to improve air quality**, such as: ports, Highways England, Network Rail, Homes England, Environment Agency and Directors of Public Health, and provide necessary resource to enable activity

List of the signatories:

Cllr	Lewis	Herbert	Leader (Labour) of the council	Cambridge City Council
Councillor	James	Lewis	Deputy Leader of Leeds City Council	Leeds City Council
Mayor	Joe	Anderson	Labour Mayor of Liverpool	Liverpool City Council
Councillor	Susan	Brown	Labour Leader of Oxford City Council,	Oxford City Council
Mayor	Andy	Burnham	Labour Mayor of Greater Manchester	Greater Manchester
Cllr	Craig	Cheney	Deputy Mayor of Bristol	Bristol City Council
Cllr	Adam	Clarke	Deputy City Mayor with responsibility for Environment,	Leicester City Council
Councillor	Nick	Forbes	Labour Leader of Newcastle City Council	Newcastle City Council
Councillor	Bob	Goodman	Cabinet Member, Air Quality Lead	Bath City Council
Councillor	Christopher	Hammond	Labour Leader of Southampton City Council	Southampton City Council

Mayor	Dan	Jarvis	Mayor, Sheffield City Region	Sheffield City Region
Mayor	Sadiq	Khan	Mayor of London	Greater London Authority
	Sarah	Muckle	Director of Public Health	Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Cllr	Toby	Neal	Cabinet Member - Community Protection	Nottingham City Council
Cllr	Adam	Paynter	Leader of the council	Cornwall County Council
Mayor	Steve	Rotheram	Labour Mayor of the Liverpool City Region	Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
Councillor	Ian	Ward	Leader, Birmingham City Council	Birmingham City Council