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## ADEPT President's Awards 2022

### Entry form

<b>Award category:</b>	Category 1: Delivering clean growth
<b>Title:</b>	Portsmouth City Council (PCC) Clean Air Zone (CAZ)
<b>Entrant:</b>	Portsmouth City Council working with Atkins
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<b>Partner/s (if applicable):</b>	Atkins
<b>Headline summary (<u>150 characters</u>, c. 20-25 words)</b>  PCC was the 3rd authority to go live with a CAZ. From approval of the FBC to go live, it was delivered in 8 mths. 4-8 mths earlier than other authorities.	

Please note we need **at least one supporting image** per award submission.  
Supporting images should be attached separately as jpg or png files.

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This photograph shows Jonathan Burns, the Atkins Business Architect, dressed as “Stomper the Monster” at the CAZ launch event on 26 November 2021. Stomper encourages children to walk to school.

Please paste links to any supporting video evidence here

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**500-word project outline** (please ensure you do not exceed the word count and address all the judges' criteria – for more info see [here](#))

Portsmouth is one of the most densely populated cities in Europe; the city has a population of around 217,000, which is forecast to grow to 236,000 by 2040 (a population density higher than parts of London).

Following a Ministerial Direction to Portsmouth City Council (PCC) in October 2018, PCC needed to urgently develop plans to ensure compliance with legal limits for nitrogen dioxide within the shortest possible time.

An initial plan, in the form of a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC), was submitted in January 2019, and in October 2019, the Portsmouth Local Air Quality Plan in the form of an Outline Business Case (OBC) was submitted to the government requesting funding for a charging-based Class B Clean Air Zone (CAZ B) and non-charging measures. A Full Business Case (FBC), setting out the final proposed scheme was submitted in December 2020.

The plan complies with the guidance provided by Government's Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU) and HM Treasury Green Book. PCC secured funding from the Clean Air Fund (CAF) to support individuals and businesses affected by the CAZ.

PCC asked Atkins to support the SOBC, OBC, and FBC, which concluded that a CAZ B was required.

Two consultations were undertaken in June 2019 and in August 2020. In total 6,811 responses were received from a range of stakeholders, including 202 businesses.

During covid – a lot of work was undertaken to assess different post covid scenarios for future travel behaviours, vehicle renewal rates, economic recovery and their impacts on emissions.

A team of 4 engagement officers engaged with taxis, companies with HGVs and coach fleets (incl. the Isle of Wight) to ascertain the potential impact on their fleet. PCC utilised funding from the Clean Air fund to provide:



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- Financial incentives for taxi drivers to upgrade to Euro 6 vehicles or above;
- Retro-fitting or replacement of non-compliant buses and coaches;
- Financial subsidies to replace or retrofit non-compliant HGVs.

Atkins also provided support to the business architecture workstream. This enables the smooth operation of the CAZ B scheme, by ensuring the components work together cohesively. It also included maintaining relations with the central JAQU testing team, business user coaching, preparation for Business Readiness & User Acceptance Testing, developing call centre scenarios and handovers (PCC/DVLA).

PCC successfully delivered an operationally ready CAZ B system in November 2021, just 8 months following final approval (which included the Atkins business architect encouraging children to walk to school – see photo). The PCC CAZ went live on time and without significant negative publicity!

The project has resulted in more individuals than anticipated upgrading their vehicles, enabling a positive impact on air quality, with fewer non-compliant vehicles on the streets.

JAQU are using this project with other LAs and PCC are currently delivering an ongoing programme of monitoring and evaluation.

*“I was really impressed with [Atkins’] knowledge of the intricate details of the project, and their commitment to getting the work completed to a high standard even under very tight timescales.”*

**David Blythe, Programme Manager, Portsmouth City Council**

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