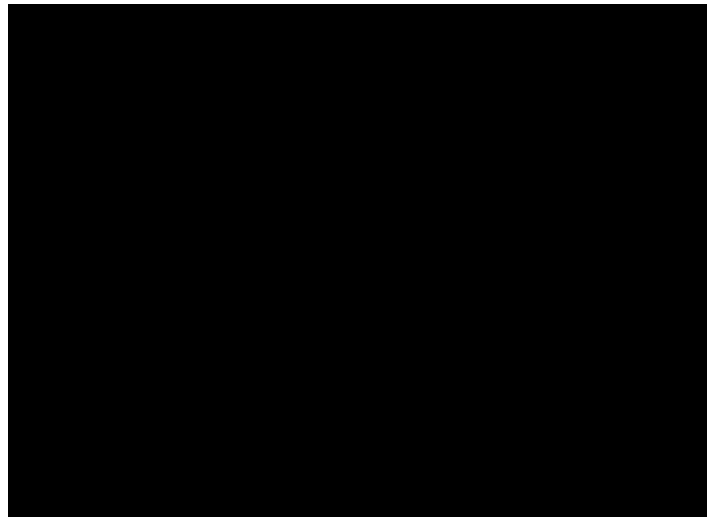


**LOCAL AIR QUALITY REVIEW
AND ASSESSMENT
PROGRESS REPORT 2005**



1.1 The Legislative Background

Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Act requires each local authority periodically to review air quality in its area. The process of continuous review and assessment started with the first report being produced by BGCBC in 1999. The next full Review and Assessment is due to be published in 2006 and in each of the intervening years we will provide a progress report for the Welsh Assembly Government that looks at any new developments that could affect air quality. To date it has not been necessary to declare an Air Quality Management Area in Blaenau Gwent.

This document represents the second progress report for Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and covers the calendar year 2004. The aim of this report is :

- To provide a readily accessible source of up to date

Much of the traditional coal and steel industry has been replaced by a diverse industrial base comprising of businesses such as pharmaceuticals, battery and computer systems, electronic and

