



To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**Members:** Councillors Eastwood, Hailstones, Harper, Miss Mancey, Proctor, Miss Reddish, Robinson, Tagg, Welsh (Vice-Chair), Mrs Williams (Chair) and Mrs Winfield

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Council Chamber and Committee Room 1 are fitted with a loop system. In addition, there is a volume button on the base of the microphones. A portable loop system is available for all other rooms. Should you require this service, please contact Member Services during the afternoon prior to the meeting.

**Members of the Council:** If you identify any personal training/development requirements from any of the items included in this agenda or through issues raised during the meeting, please bring them to the attention of the Democratic Services Officer at the close of the meeting.

**Meeting Quorums :- 16+= 5 Members; 10-15=4 Members; 5-9=3 Members; 5 or less = 2 Members.**

Officers will be in attendance prior to the meeting for informal discussions on agenda items.

## CLEANER, GREENER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 1st October, 2014

<b>Present:-</b>	Councillor Mrs Gillian Williams – in the Chair
Councillors	Councillors Colin Eastwood, Mayor's Consort, Hailstones, Harper, Proctor, Robinson, Welsh and Councillor Mrs Winfield
	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities
Officers	Executive Director of Operational Services Head of Planning (for item 6) Senior Partnership Officer (for item 5) Scrutiny Officer

### 1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from the Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships, Councillor Chloe Mancey and Councillor Simon Tagg.

### 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

### 3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:-** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 25 June 2014 were agreed as a correct record

### 4. **PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) QUESTION TIME**

Two Portfolio Holders were in attendance, Councillor Mrs Ann Beech – Environment and Recycling and Councillor Tony Kearon – Safer Communities to provide a verbal update on their priorities and work objectives.

Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities, Tony Kearon advised that since the last time he attended Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities Committee funding had been secured for the community safety work. Funding had also been received from the Police, Crime and Commissioner (PCC). There had been ongoing discussions with the PCC on his ambitions around Staffordshire and Newcastle Borough. The funding received was double that received from the home office funding.

The PCC had guaranteed funding for the next three years and have developed a lot of intervention work which helped to reduce anti-social behaviour in the long term. In the two years Newcastle was the only place anti-social behaviour had been reduced. There had been an increase of anti-social behaviour reported pushing to a 90% satisfaction of the offence being reported.

There was a good working relationship with the Police. Any anti-social behaviour was reported to Aspire Housing, Newcastle Borough Council or the Police.

## CLEANER, GREENER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Chair opened the meeting for any questions from Members.

Q1 The PCSOs around Kidsgrove have been changed into a response team, was it correct in terms of an extra 24 hour Officer?

Also the Senior Partnership Officer's team had been providing an excellent service in connection with the Minors Estate, Kidsgrove.

A1 Through discussions at county level there was concern that if there was a reduction in policing the situation would be looked at.

A Member commented that Chief Inspector Riley's integration into the community had found her to be very responsive and praised the Senior Partnership Officer's team in providing a very good service.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling broke the Operational Service down into Sections:-

### Streetscene

It had been a busy summer with the hot weather. The section covered litter, collecting fees for bowling and tennis clubs. The grass cutting would now cease and focus would be on the winter work, including shrub pruning and leaf clearance.

The Portfolio Holder had carried out visits with the LEQ team to see how targets were met for standards and maintenance, recently achieving Gold and gained eleven green flags, making the Borough the best in Staffordshire and passed on her praise to the Head of Operations and his team.

Litter education had been carried out, involving working the schools i.e. litter picking and public awareness campaigns had been carried out over the summer.

Grounds Maintenance continue to support the Friends Groups within the Borough. The Park Attendants provide assistance with the Friends Groups as well as maintaining the parks.

Allotments – currently meetings are ongoing with Silverdale Parish Council. On the 19 September 2014 saw the handover of Park Road allotment. The Association run the allotment for their own Committee and was working well. Discussions were now taking place with The Acre allotment. Notices had been served on the ploholders and they were offered alternative sites for garden use only but had declined. A decision would be made by the Parish by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

Bedding Plants – Stoke-on-Trent City Council previously supplied all the plants but had closed down the greenhouse, now the plants are supplied by Stafford Borough Council.

Crematorium – The memorial safety testing programme was currently underway, Newcastle, Silverdale and Attwood Street had been completed.

An order had been placed for relining of the cremator.

### Waste Operations

The Cabinet Waste Panel are holding a meeting on Wednesday 8 October 2014 to discuss the current and new service which comes into effect 2016. There was a need to review the project plan. WRAP were providing assistance on the alternations that would be carried out at the depot.

### Food Environment

To maintain food hygiene was maintained.

### Local Air Quality

Thirty eight properties are currently being monitored around the Borough. There was also air quality monitoring taking in place in the Queens Gardens.

The Borough Council had recently been notified that it had been awarded the Purple Flag Status for Newcastle.

A question had been submitted from a Member which had been raised at a Residents Association meeting - A couple of residents have had large items dumped in alleyways at the back of their houses and had been told by Officers the Council was not responsible for unadopted areas and so could not clear items away for free. It was asked (a) if fly tipping was on the increase in the Borough, (b) how much of it was costing the district, (c) if an increase was as a result of increased charges for removal and residents refusal to pay which compounds the problem and (d) what had the Council in place to reduce fly tipping, including on unadopted land?

The Member also believed Aspire Housing were having similar problems and did the Council work with them to address this?

The Portfolio Holder advised she would report back with the information relating to (b). There had been no reported increase in fly tipping and only if the source was found could enforcement action be taken.

A Member stated that fly tipping must be treated as a priority especially in relation to fridges as they pose a safety risk to children.

The Executive Director of Operational Services advised that Furniture Mine were part of Aspire Housing and would not remove white goods even if payment was made but he would look into this. Any fly tipping not on the public highway, including white goods, was not the responsibility of Newcastle Borough Council. It was advised that repeat incidences should be raised through the LAPs. If public safety was at risk it would be prioritised through the resources.

A Member asked if the Borough Council could open up negotiations with Kidsgrove Town Council to support employment costs for an extra Park Attendant for Clough Hall Park. The Portfolio Holder agreed to this.

A Member advised the Committee that he had reported an incident of litter, not as a Councillor, but as a member of the public and within two hours the crew had finished the request and wanted to pass on his thanks to the Executive Director of Operational Services and to the Portfolio Holder.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (a) That the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling provide the information on how much it was costing the district in relation to fly tipping to the Member who asked the question.
- (b) That the Borough Council open up negotiations with Kidsgrove Town Council for an extra Park Attendant.

**5. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 2014**

A presentation on the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 was carried out by the Senior Partnerships Officer. This would replace the current toolkit for dealing with anti-social behaviour and placed new duties on Local Authorities and Police to deal with conduct that had caused, or was likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 Newcastle-under-Lyme would adopt the 'Community Trigger' threshold of three complaints from one complainant (or somebody on their behalf) to a statutory agency within a six month period regarding three separate ASB incidents.

The Borough Council, County Council, Staffordshire Police, Health or RSLs may all be approached by a victim or persistent ASB to instigate the trigger.

Every Monday morning the partnership hub meets to provide assistance/ solutions to vulnerable residents, with recommendations being relayed back to the victim.

The appeal process for victims of persistent ASB who were not satisfied with the trigger review would be determined within the partner organisation with which the review was requested. For example if received by the Borough Council then the appeal would progress to the Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships.

A Member felt assured that the final stage would progress from outside the Partnership hub to the Head of Service.

The Member was further reassured it was senior officers who were present at the hub.

It was asked if there were a review progressing on a licensed premise and the licence was revoked and taken to appeal could the community take control of the order?

The Senior Partnerships Officer advised if the community report the complaint, for example noise from the licensed premise, they could carry out a closure order.

A Member asked how were the Police, Crime and Commissioner approaching the public regarding the document they were producing.

The County ASB and Finish Group met every six weeks and the document had been issued to all authorities and would be distributed to the wider public.

It was asked if an incident recurred after three years would the process start again. Presently this was being looked into with partners, with a decision being submitted to the Chief Inspector and signed off by the Chief Executive.

A Member advised that it would only be sensible to ask why there was not a problem and the reason why there was not a problem was due to the prohibition being in place and should remain.

**RECOMMENDED:-**

That Committee receive the report and Members take note of the changes being proposed in Newcastle by the Borough Council and its partners.

**6. PLANNING PERMISSION OF HOT FOOD TAKEAWAYS**

The Head of Planning reported that the main role was the determination of planning applications. A report was submitted to Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities Scrutiny Committee on the 24 March 2014.

There were two parts of planning permission; development and material change of use. The material change of use covered hot food takeaways. Government had seen the need to create a Use Class Order called Use Class A5. It followed that no planning permission was required to change from one type of hot food takeaway to another. To change a shop to a house was permitted development but there had been no liberalisation. There had been a change on advice of use of planning conditions.

The Borough Council does have supplementary guidance, which categorised areas and dates from 1996.

The Chair advised that there was a need to look at the accumulative impact and as a Planning Department to be able to refuse applications for hot food takeaways. The Head of Planning reported there had been not been any appeals since March 2014. There had been a reduction in hot food takeaway planning applications.

Stoke on City Council were preparing a supplementary document and was due to be adopted. The Planning Policy team was working with the Joint Local Plan. Out of the Local Plan in the long term there would be a need to prepare a supplementary document but presently the priority was preparing the Joint Local Plan and due to be launched for public consultation.

The Chair reported that there were a vast number of hot food takeaways along with A34 and that the Highway Authority were not investigating matters thoroughly.

It was advised that Members could write to the Community Secretary with their concerns.

**RESOLVED:-** That Members receive the verbal update presented by the Head of Planning.

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COMMITTEE ON THE 25 JUNE 2014**

**RESOLVED:-** Members agreed to the Recommendations from the meeting held on the 25 June 2014.

**8. WORK PLAN**

## CLEANER, GREENER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Committee considered the Work Plan. It was agreed the following items would added:-

Pollution from exhaust emissions due to delay in traffic light sequence. An Officer from Staffordshire County Council, Highways Department, to be invited to an additional meeting to be held on xx December 2014.

9. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions had been received from the public.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

11. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

To be arranged

**COUNCILLOR MRS GILLIAN WILLIAMS**  
**Chair**



## CLEANER, GREENER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014  
COMMITTEE ROOM 1

### BRIEFING NOTE FOR MEMBERS

#### Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation Update

As of the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 Newcastle Borough Council in line with National legislative changes had some amended and new powers introduced to provide a more stream lined approach to take action against individuals who are perpetrators of anti-social behaviour. The new powers introduced under the Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2014 included:-

- **Criminal Behaviour Orders** to replace Criminal Anti-Social Behaviour Orders
- **Dispersal Powers** to provide individuals who have or are likely to commit asb to leave a specified area and not return for up to 48 hours
- **Community Protection** includes **Community Protection Notices** which replaces litter clearing notices, defacement removal notices and street litter control notices. **Public Spaces Protection Orders** that are put in place to deal with particular nuisance and problems in a particular area that is detrimental to the local communities quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area. We are currently putting action plans in place as to priority areas and longer term plans to seek these orders at designated locations of benefit and reviewing the Alcohol Prohibition Zones.. **Closure Notices / Orders** covers licensed and non-licensed premises including pubs clubs and rowdy premises.
- **Recovery of Possession of Dwelling Houses** a new ground for housing providers to utilise to speed up the process in the most serious of cases of anti-social behaviour bringing faster relief to victims and communities.
- **Community Trigger** Allows residents victim of anti-social behaviour who have complained to the statutory agencies (Police, Housing Providers, Local Authority) three or more times in a six month period to instigate their community trigger for a full Anti-Social Behaviour Case Review to be heard via a designated panel run through the Newcastle Partnership HUB. Since the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 Newcastle-under-Lyme has received two community triggers, both of which met the criteria for a full case review and have now been completed.

Anti-Social Behaviour Orders are due to be replaced by Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions in the very near future.

The agreement made by partners and Newcastle Borough Council have put in place processes to cater for all of the above to be implemented where necessary.

**Natalie Snell**  
Senior Partnership Officer

This page is intentionally left blank

## Report to the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities Scrutiny Committee

4<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### Air Pollution and Traffic Light Sequencing



**Report Author:** *Nesta Barker*  
**Job Title:** *Head of Environmental Health*  
**Email:** *nesta.barker@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk*  
**Telephone:** *01782 742732*

#### **Introduction**

Members have requested information relating to air pollution creation and dispersal in relation to vehicles at traffic lights and the impact of traffic light sequencing.

#### **Background**

On 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015 the Borough Council declared four air quality management areas (AQMA's) in respect of nitrogen dioxide, these are at the following locations and the full extent of the AQMA declared is shown on the maps in Appendix 1:

- Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove
- Newcastle under Lyme Town Centre
- Maybank, Wolstanton and Porthill Bank
- 2 dwellings at Little Madeley adjacent to the M6 motorway

The statutory limit for nitrogen dioxide is 40µg m<sup>3</sup> and the pollution is primarily created from vehicles.

#### **Questions to be Addressed**

***What is currently being done in relation to air quality?***

#### **Declaration of Air Quality Management Areas – January 2015**

Following a consultation exercise, your officers prepared a report to public protection committee concerning the recommended AQMA's detailing the adopted consultation methodology, the findings of the consultation exercise and a recommended Air Quality Management Area order detailing the boundary of the AQMA in each of the affected area for formal adoption by the council.

## ***What is the future work relating to air quality?***

### **Preparation and adoption of Air Quality Action Plans – Within 18 months of declaring an AQMA**

Following the declaration of the air quality management areas, the Council will need to develop and adopt an Air Quality Action Plan with key stakeholders for each of the affected areas. The local authority is then required to produce an 'action plan' to demonstrate how the Authority intends to work towards meeting the air quality objectives within its Air Quality Management Area. By necessity a number of partners will need to be involved in developing the Air Quality Action Plan and identifying agreed measures and timescales for implementation. As the pollution is vehicle related significant input from the highway authorities will be necessary.

Action plans are required to be submitted to DEFRA within a maximum of 18 months from the declaration of an AQMA. Progress against the action plan and compliance with the relevant pollutant objectives is required to be reported annually to DEFRA in the air quality report for the preceding calendar year.

### **Air Quality and Planning**

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) recognises that the planning system has an important role to play in improving air quality. To this end the NPPF advises the following:

“Planning policies should sustain compliance with and contribute towards EU limit values or national objectives for pollutants, taking into account the presence of Air Quality Management Areas and the cumulative impacts on air quality from individual sites in local areas. Planning decisions should ensure that any new development in Air Quality Management Areas is consistent with the local air quality action plan.”

Air Quality thus becomes a material consideration concerning any of the parameters set out in the NPPF.

Officers within the Environmental Protection Team currently assess applications for development in the Borough for their impact upon local air quality and in appropriate circumstances will require the developer to submit an appropriate air quality impact assessment for consideration and comment. Appropriate recommendations are then made to the relevant planning authority concerning the development.

## ***How do traffic lights affect levels of pollution?***

Vehicles with petrol and diesel driven internal combustion engines are sources of air pollution. Until alternative engine technology will replace petrol and diesel driven engines, road transportation will continue to be a major source for emissions of nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, hydrocarbons, and many other organic compounds into the environment.

There is a direct relation between a vehicles emissions and its acceleration: an accelerating vehicle will pollute more than a non-speeding vehicle. However, studies have also shown that the number of emissions actually decreased when a vehicle is slowing down to stop at lights, compared to the number had it just cruised past without stopping at all. Using a "line source" method, it has been found that the number of particles emitted when a vehicle is forced to stop and start at a red light is much higher than when it travels past the light without stopping.

### ***What could be done to reduce air pollution at traffic lights?***

As the pollution levels are reduced when there is less stop-start at traffic lights (roundabouts, pelican crossings, congestion etc) one solution lies with improving or smoothing the flow of traffic, so that both the number of vehicles is reduced and also stop-start is reduced as much as possible.

There have been a number of projects undertaken to consider these issues such as the use of intelligent traffic lights, mobile devices and wireless communication to reduce vehicle emissions. The solution minimises the number of stop-starts due to the red light and the accelerations needed to catch the green light (happening quite frequent and having an important influence on the emissions rate).

Intelligent traffic light signalling systems, provide a significant amount of improvement in traffic flow and a reduction in the level of vehicular emissions.

In the Netherlands a new measure is developed which is called 'Drive Slow Go Faster' (DSGF). The method increases the energy efficiency of the traffic system, because it aims at both speed reduction and a more even speed by all vehicles. This is done by a (re)design of the road itself and its environs in such a way that cars cannot overtake anymore (one lane for each way with a barrier between the lanes) and that the cars will be forced to drive at a lower speed (by designing smaller lanes). Dutch experience (in the city of Hilversum) has shown that the concept can save upto 26% of energy in relation to the current situation. Because of the speed reduction and the more even speed, next to the energy saving (and CO2 reduction), such a design reduces the other negative impacts of traffic, e.g. NOx and noise and traffic safety.

### ***What other measures can be used to improve air quality?***

There are a whole range of measures that can be implemented at both a national and local level to maintain and improve the air quality, such measures can include:

- Education – public & businesses, using fuel efficient driving techniques
- Reducing reliance of vehicles
- Green travel including walking, cycling, use of public transport
- Traffic smoothing and reducing congestion
- Land use planning and planning policy
- Clean vehicle technology
- Hybrid/electric vehicles
- Vehicle restrictions
- Congestion charging

### **Constraints**

This work is undertaken within a specific statutory regime with associated technical guidance to assist in the completion of the work.

All work relating to air quality is independently reviewed and validated by DEFRA.

Although the Borough has a statutory duty in relation to air quality, in these cases as the pollution is primarily created by vehicles and the associated highway network. Staffordshire County Council is the responsible Highways Department and the Highways Agency is responsible for the motorway network. Therefore the air quality action plan which will detail the monitoring and management arrangements cannot be developed alone. Work is commencing on developing a work group to start the action planning process.

**Conclusions**

The process of monitoring and assessing air quality and introducing AQMAs is complex, but this work is underway and support is being received from consultants.

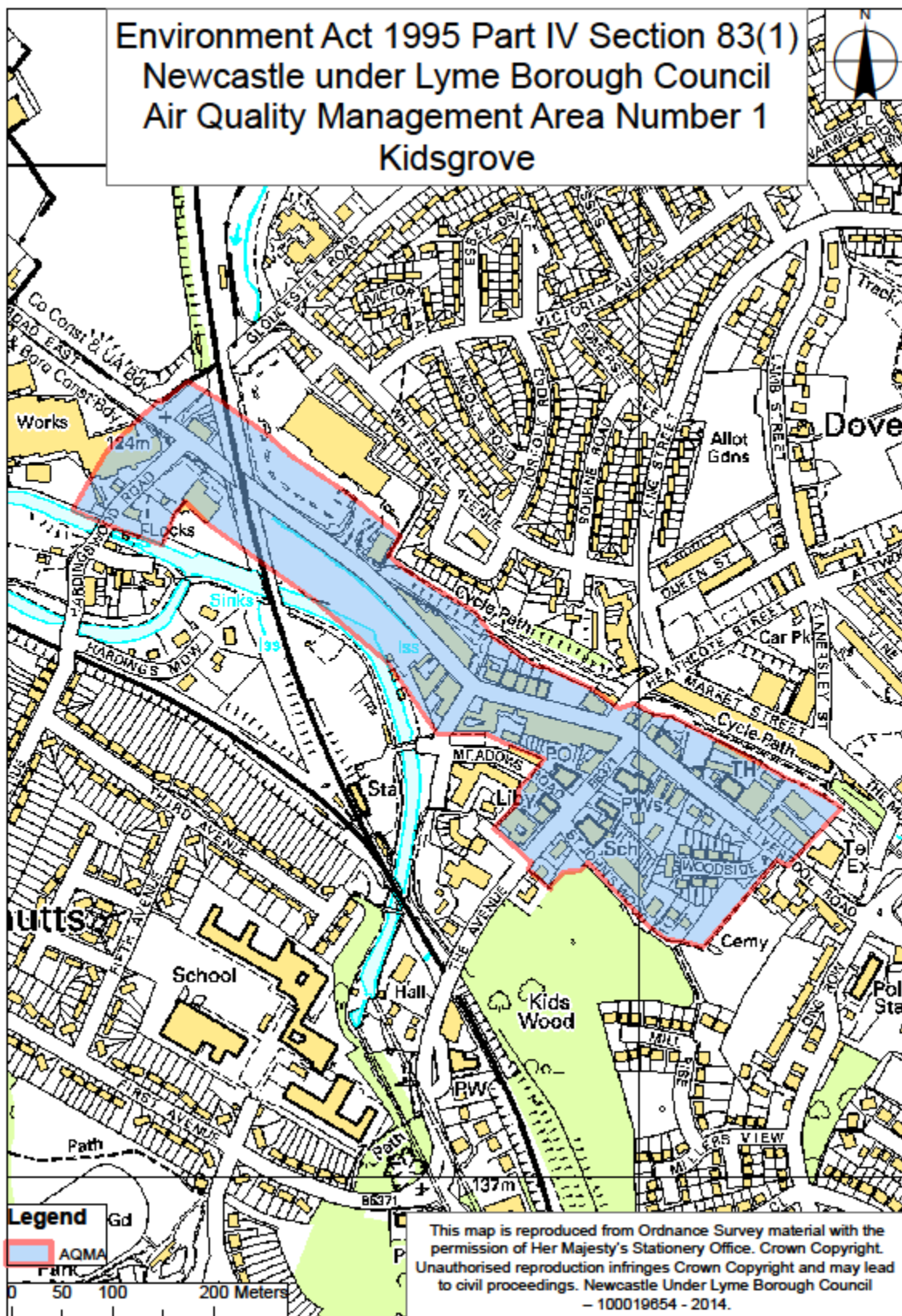
The authority upon completion of the declaration of AQMAs and the creation of the action plan will have robust plans on how to improve air quality within the designated areas. Due to the pollution being vehicle created, significant work with the highways authorities will be undertaken to bring about the improvements necessary.

We propose to continue to actively monitor and promote controls to improve air quality in accordance with our statutory requirements.

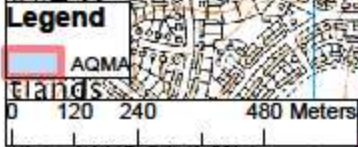
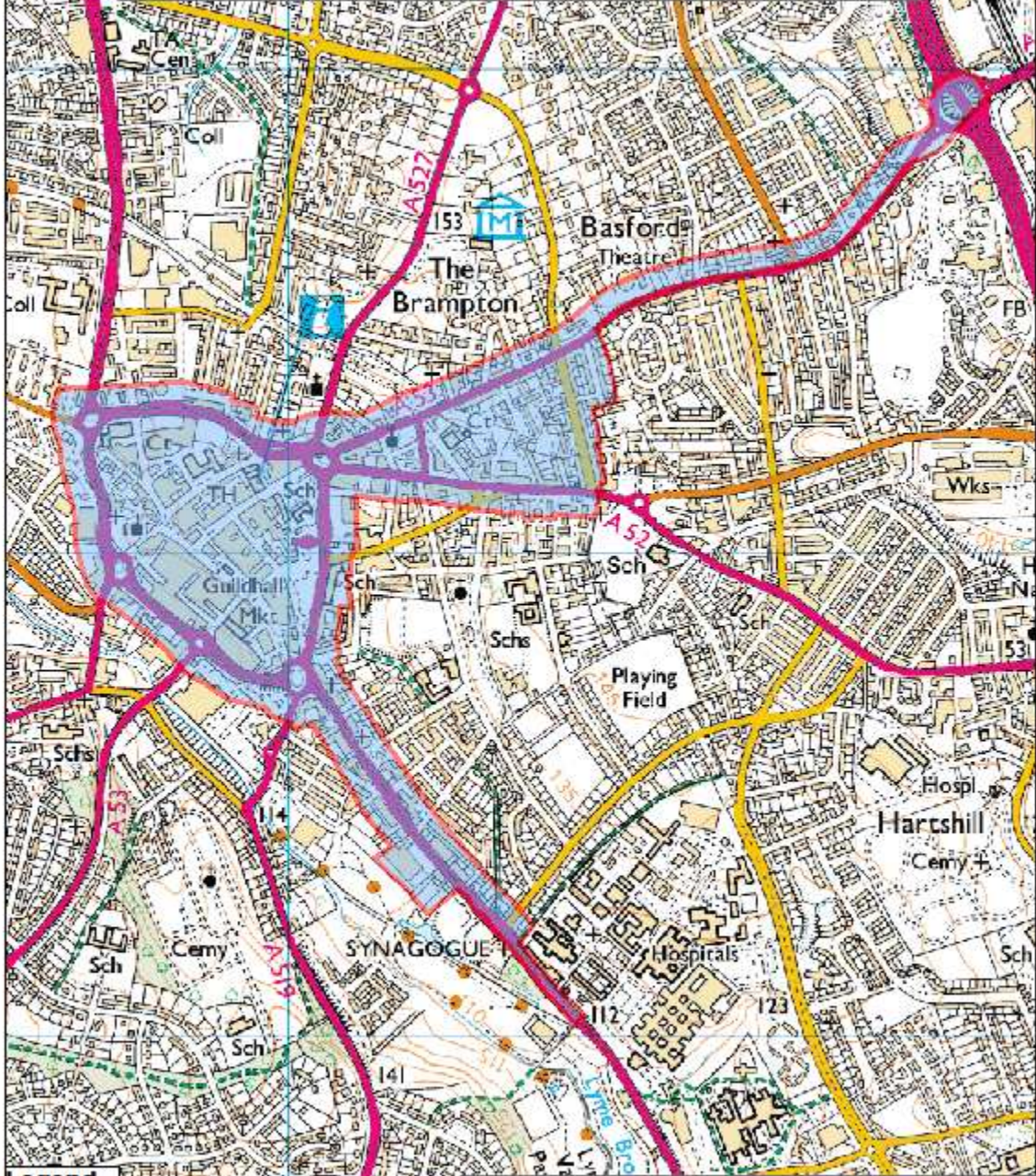
**Relevant Portfolio Holder**

Environment & Recycling – Ann Beech

Appendix 1- AQMA maps



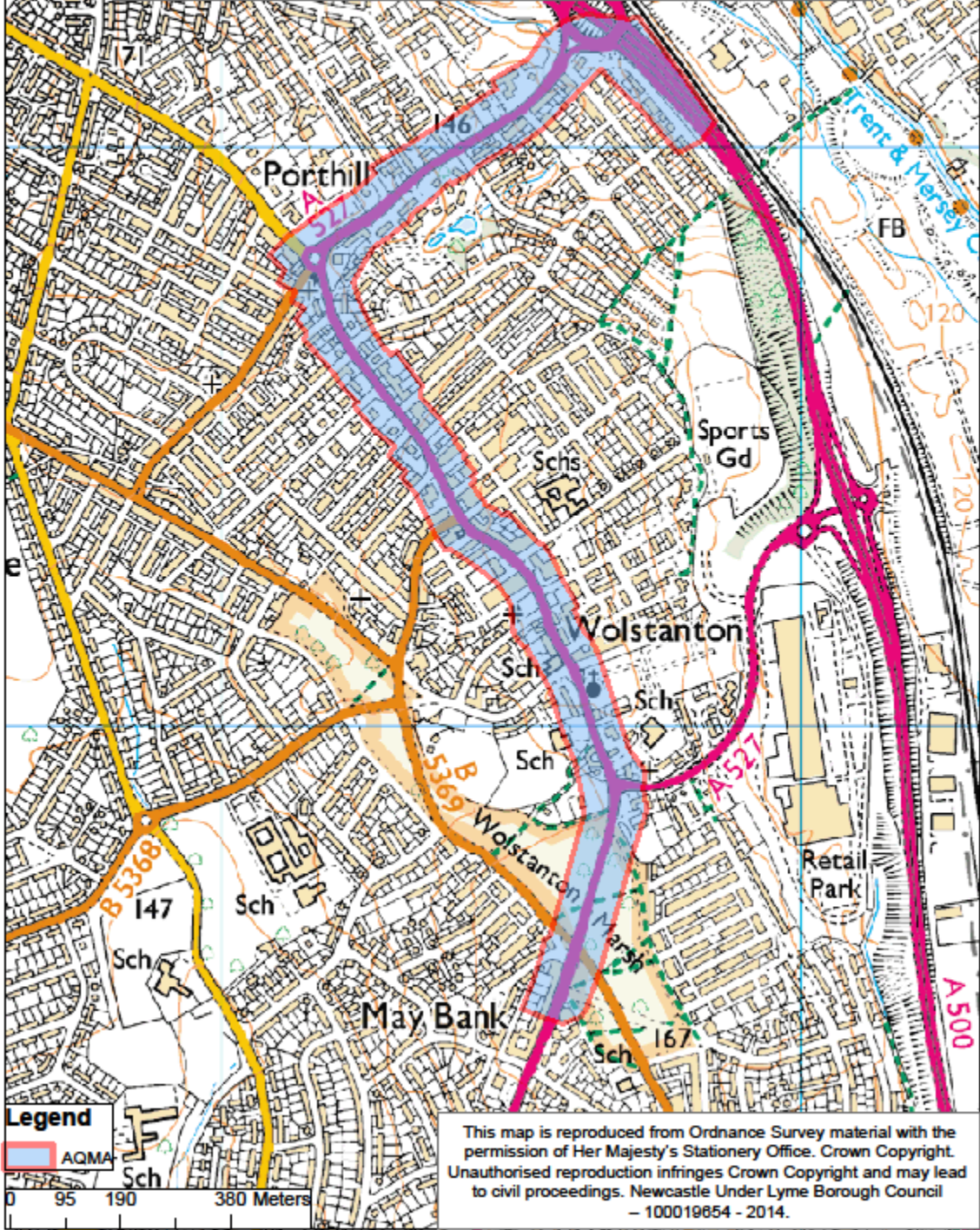
Environment Act 1995 Part IV Section 83(1)  
Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council  
Air Quality Management Area Number 2  
Newcastle under Lyme

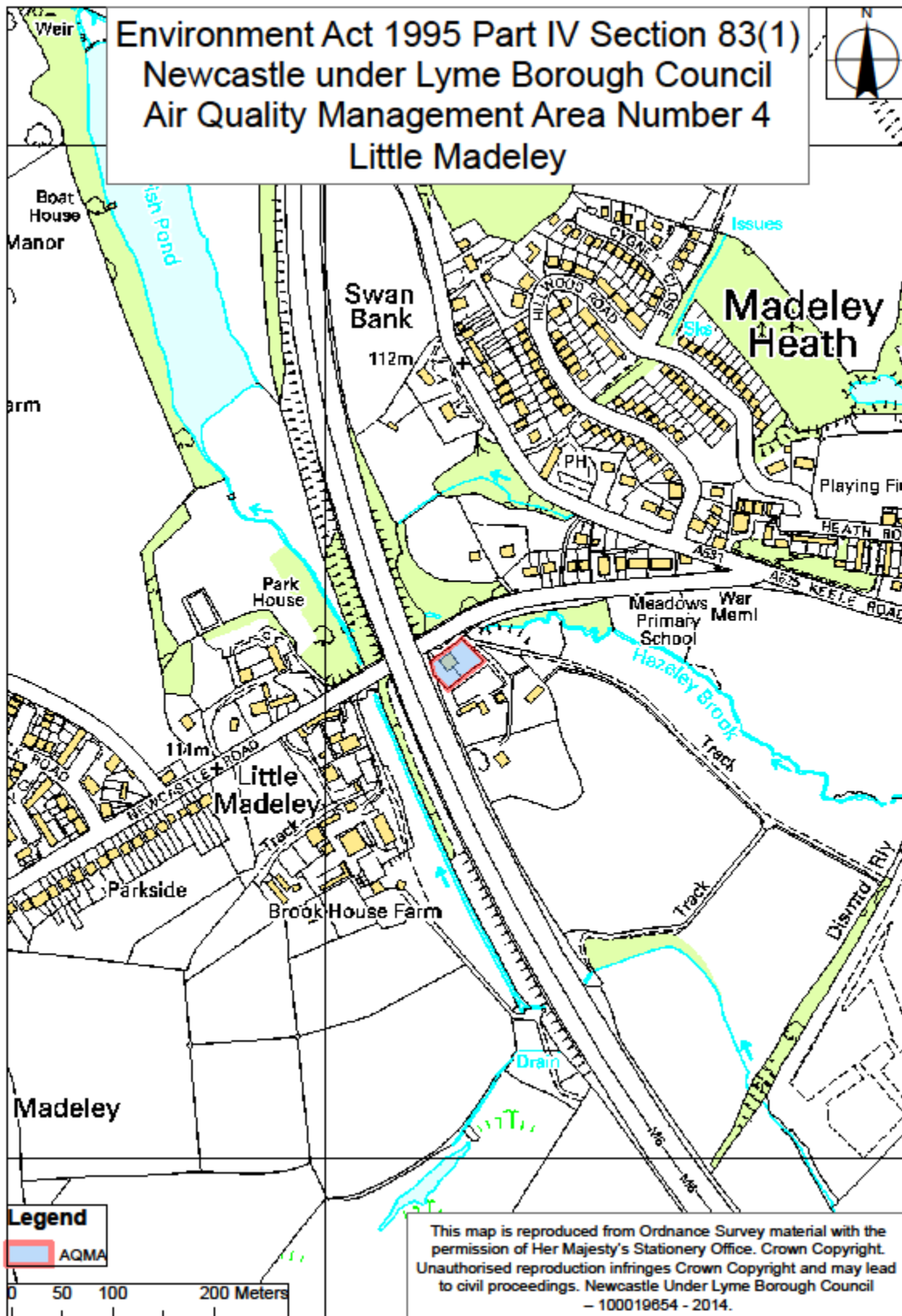


This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Her Majesty's Stationery Office. Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to civil proceedings. Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council - 100019854 - 2014.



Environment Act 1995 Part IV Section 83(1)  
 Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council  
 Air Quality Management Area Number 3  
 Maybank, Wolstanton Porthill







Members: Colin Eastwood, Dave Allport, Bert Proctor, Joan Winfield, Chloe Mancey, Simon Tagg, Peter Hailstones, Marion Reddish and David Harper

# **CLEANER, GREENER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Councillor Mrs Gillian Williams**

**Vice Chair: Councillor William Welsh**

## **Portfolio Holder(s) covering the Committee's remit:**

**Councillor Trevor Hambleton (Leisure, Culture and Localism)**

**Councillor Mrs Ann Beech (Environment and Recycling)**

**Councillor Tony Kearon (Safer Communities)**

**Work Plan correct as at: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

### **Remit:**

**Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities Scrutiny Committee is responsible for:**

- Anti-Social Behaviour Orders
- Civil contingencies
- CCTV
- Community Cohesion and Safety
- Community Safety and Section 17
- Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and On-Street Parking
- Emergency Planning
- Older People
- Streetscene – Litter, Grounds Maintenance, Parks and Gardens
- Street and Community Wardens
- Buses and Concessionary Travel and Taxis
- Car Park Management
- Climate Change, Sustainability and Energy Efficiency
- Environmental Health
- Flooding and Drainage
- Highways and transport (Operational)
- Recycling and Waste Management

Date of Meeting	Item	Reason for Undertaking
<b>25 June 2014</b> <b>(agenda dispatch</b> <b>13 June 2014)</b>	Police Crime Commissioner Funding Update	An update on projects which would like to receive funding
	A500 Cleansing Operations	To address on-going problems of litter and cleansing operations
	Integrated Recycling & Waste Service (Presentation from the Head of Recycling & Fleet Services)	An update on the new integrated recycling and waste service which will commence from 2016 onwards
	Work Plan	To discuss and update the work plan to reflect current scrutiny topics
<b>1 October 2014</b> <b>(agenda dispatch</b> <b>19 Sept 2014)</b>	Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Disorder Act 2014	This replaces the current toolkit for dealing with anti-social behaviour and places new duties on Local Authorities and Police to deal with conduct that has caused, or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person
	Portfolio Holder Question Time (Portfolio Holders for Environment and Recycling and Safer Communities)	An opportunity for the Committee to question the Portfolio Holder on their priorities and work objectives for the next six months and an opportunity to address any issues or concerns that they may currently be facing. It is an opportunity for the Portfolio Holder to flag up areas within their remit that may benefit from scrutiny in the future.
	Planning Permission of Hot Food Takeaways (as agreed at the last meeting on 25.06.14)	To look at the current policy on licensing of hot food takeaways. Agreed on the 24.03.14 to be kept as an agenda item and for the Head of Planning to pursue it as part of the Local Plan
	Recommendations made by Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities Scrutiny Committee (25.06.14)	To provide an overview of the recommendations made by Scrutiny at the last meeting held on 25 June 2014
	Work Plan and Scrutiny Topics for 2014/2015	To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year

Date of Meeting	Item	Reason for Undertaking
<b>4 March 2015 (agenda dispatch 20 Feb 2015)</b>	Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Disorder Act 2014	A progress update to be provided
	Traffic Light Sequencing	The Head of Environmental Health Services to be invited to report on the air quality action plan, which amongst other things looks at traffic flows which will improve air quality.
	'A' Frames Obstruction	An update to be provided
	Annual Review of Scrutiny Committee's Work	To evaluate and review the work undertaken during 2014/2015
	Work Plan	To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year

<b>Task and Finish Groups:</b>	
<b>Future Task and Finish Groups:</b>	
<b>Suggestions for Potential Future Items:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warm Zone Delivery of Green Deal (potentially email to committee)</li> <li>• Decriminalised Car Parking</li> <li>• Emergency Planning</li> </ul>

<b>DATE OF FUTURE MEETING:</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
--------------------------------	--

<b>DATES AND TIMES OF CABINET MEETINGS:</b>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2014, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2014, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2014, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2014, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2014, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1 (BUDGET)
	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2015, 7.00pm, Committee Room 1

This page is intentionally left blank



**CLEANER, GREENER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**ANNUAL WORK PLAN**

**Chair: Councillor Mrs Gillian Williams  
Vice Chair: Councillor William Welsh**

**Portfolio Holder(s) covering the Committee's remit:  
Councillor Trevor Hambleton (Leisure, Culture and Localism)  
Councillor Mrs Ann Beech (Environment and Recycling)  
Councillor Tony Kearon (Safer Communities)**

Date of Meeting	Topic	Outcomes/Recommendations	Further Action Required/Feedback
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014</b>	Police and Crime Commissioner Funding for Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough 2014/2015	<p>The Senior Partnerships Officer gave an update on the funding received by the Newcastle Partnership from the Police and Crime Commissioner (P&amp;CC) for Staffordshire (Matthew Ellis). The funding had been provided to the Newcastle Partnership in order to deliver against a set of priorities and actions as set out in the local Police and Crime Plan 2014/2017.</p> <p><b>Resolved:-</b> That the Senior Partnerships Officer provide a document to the Members of the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities Scrutiny Committee showing the initiatives and assessment criteria.</p>	Document was circulated to Members on the 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2014
	A500 Cleansing Operations	<p>The Streetscene Manager (Operations and Performance) presented a report regarding issues of cleansing of the A500 and the avenues taken to address the ongoing problem of litter and cleansing operations. A partnership approach had been undertaken with Amey on behalf of the Highways Agency who carried out traffic management and grass cutting, while Stafford Borough Council, Stoke-on-Trent City Council and Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council undertook the cleansing operation.</p> <p><b>Resolved:-</b> That the report be received</p>	Members received the report.
	Integrated Recycling and Waste Service July 2016 (Presentation by the Head of Recycling and Fleet Services)	<p>The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling introduced the proposed Integrated Waste and Recycling Service. A Cabinet Panel was established March 2013 and carried out a number of site visits including to Stockport and Cheshire West to look at potential options on the collection service.</p> <p>A decision was needed by September 2014 as to how the new service would be operated to allow sufficient time for the procurement of vehicles, treatment contracts, round planning, working patterns, infrastructure works and final detailed design of the new service</p>	It was recommended that Cabinet agreed the structure of the new service, as recommended by the Cabinet Panel.



Date of Meeting	Topic	Outcomes/Recommendations	Further Action Required/Feedback
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014 Cont'd ...</b>		<p>A decision was needed by September 2014 as to how the new service would be operated to allow sufficient time for the procurement of vehicles, treatment contracts, round planning, working patterns, infrastructure works and final detailed design of the new service</p> <p>A Consultation exercise ran to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and the outcome of this had been fed into the service design process. A report was to be submitted to Cabinet on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014. The new service will commence July 2016</p> <p><b>Resolved:-</b> That the Committee were agreed for the Recommendations to be submitted to Cabinet on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014</p>	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014</b>	Portfolio Holder(s) Question Time	<p>Two Portfolio Holders were in attendance, Councillor Mrs Ann Beech – Environment and Recycling and Councillor Tony Kearon – Safer Communities to provide a verbal update on their priorities and work objectives.</p> <p><b>Resolved:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) That the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling provide the information on how much it was costing the district in relation to fly tipping to the Member who asked the question.</li> <li>(b) That the Borough Council open up negotiations with Kildgrove Town Council for an extra Park Attendant.</li> </ul>	<p>(a) Information was provided</p> <p>(b) Awaiting feedback</p>
	Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Disorder Act 2014	<p>A presentation on the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 was carried out by the Senior Partnerships Officer. This would replace the current toolkit for dealing with anti-social behaviour and placed new duties on Local Authorities and Police to deal with conduct that had caused, or was likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person.</p>	Committee received the report.

Date of Meeting	Topic	Outcomes/Recommendations	Further Action Required/Feedback
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 Cont'd ...</b>		<b>Resolved:-</b> That Committee receive the report and Members take note of the changes being proposed in Newcastle by the Borough Council and its partners	
	Planning Permission of Hot Food Takeaways	The Head of Planning reported that the main role was the determination of planning applications. A report was submitted to Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities Scrutiny Committee on the 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2014.  There were two parts of planning permission; development and material change of use. It followed that no planning permission was required to change from one type of hot food takeaway to another.  <b>Resolved:-</b> That Members' receive the verbal update presented by the Head of Planning	Committee received the verbal update