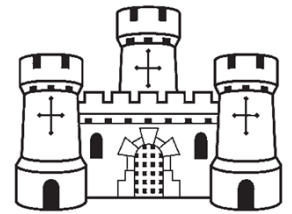


Date of meeting Monday, 24th November, 2025
Time 7.00 pm
Venue Astley Room - Castle
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Health, Wellbeing & Environment Scrutiny Committee

AGENDA

OPEN AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 3 - 8)
To consider the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee.
- 4 DISTRICT AND BOROUGH HEALTH SCRUTINY ACTIVITY** (Pages 9 - 14)
To receive feedback from members who attended the meetings of Staffordshire County Council Health & Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 5 WALLEYS QUARRY ODOUR ISSUES** (Pages 15 - 34)
- 6 WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 35 - 38)
- 7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
Any member of the public wishing to submit a question must serve two clear days' notice, in writing, of any such question to the Borough Council.
- 8 URGENT BUSINESS**
To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members: Councillors Adcock (Chair), Barker MBE, Beeston, Crisp, Dymond, Northcott, Reece, Richards, Whieldon, Wilkes (Vice-Chair) and Wright

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 Quorum: The meeting quorum for Scrutiny Committees is 4 of the 11 members.

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Substitute Members:	Bryan	Johnson
	Burnett-Faulkner	D Jones
	Casey-Hulme	Parker
	Edgington-Plunkett	Stubbs
	Holland	J Tagg

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Agenda Item 3

Health, Wellbeing & Environment Scrutiny Committee - 15/09/25

HEALTH, WELLBEING & ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 15th September, 2025
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

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Present:	Councillor Rupert Adcock (Chair)		
Councillors:	Barker MBE Beeston	Dymond Northcott	Reece Whieldon
Apologies:	Councillor(s) Richards and Wright		
Officers:	Nesta Barker Darren Green Craig Jordan Roger Tait	Service Director - Regulatory Services Service Director - Planning Service Director - Neighbourhood Delivery	
Also in attendance:	Councillor Gill Heesom Councillor David Hutchison	Portfolio Holder - Community Safety and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Environment	

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were shared as listed above.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th June 2025 be agreed as a true and accurate record.

[Watch the debate here](#)

4. **DISTRICT AND BOROUGH HEALTH SCRUTINY ACTIVITY**

The Chair reported having attended the meeting of Staffordshire County Council Health and Care Overview Scrutiny Committee in July featuring a discussion on the efficiencies of the Integrated Care Board and how these would affect the services on the front line.

Information about work of mental health support teams in schools had also been received inviting him to a meeting on family hubs in November.

The Chair introduced County Councillor Adam Griffith who would be acting as liaison between the Borough and County Council health committees.

Cllr Reese asked if a breakdown of what was happening at county level could be provided to members.

The Chair confirmed more information would be shared at a later stage.

Resolved: That the verbal update on the latest district and borough health scrutiny activity be noted.

[Watch the debate here](#)

5. WALLEYS QUARRY ODOUR ISSUES

The Service Director for Regulatory Services presented the update report on Walleys Quarry. Complaints had reduced significantly, along with the gas levels recorded by monitoring stations now down to zero percent.

The Environment Agency was continuing work on site to prevent further pollution including capping and water surface management.

Cllr Whieldon noted the absence of response from the Secretary of State in relation to paragraph 1.6.3 and wondered if this would need to be followed up.

The Service Director for Regulatory Services advised she would liaise with the Leader.

Cllr Whieldon also enquired about a public meeting due to be held by the Environment Agency at the end of September.

The Service Director for Regulatory Services said she would chase this up.

The Chair echoed Cllr Whieldon comments and stated that the public enquiry requested by the Council was awaited as a matter of urgency.

The Chair also suggested to reach out to the new Minister in charge of waste, landfills and environment to ask for their position on the matter.

The Service Director for Regulatory Services responded that a follow up request would be sent to the appropriate Minister.

Resolved: That the contents of the update report be noted.

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6. CIVIC PRIDE (EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES) STRATEGY

The Service Director for Neighbourhood Delivery presented the report on the Civic Pride (Empowering our Community) Strategy.

Cllr Whieldon wished to pass on her thanks to everyone involved in the launching event that took place in Thistleberry.

The Service Director for Neighbourhood Delivery emphasized the intention for the community to take ownership of the implementation of the strategy and for events to be community led rather than organised by the Council.

Cllr Reece enquired about the investment fund and options for volunteer groups who did not operate as a legal entity.

The Service Director for Neighbourhood Delivery advised that groups would need to form a structure and get a bank account to access the funds. They could also be provided with equipment such as bags and litter pickers.

Cllr Whieldon asked if the Council would consider late applications would there be any fundings left.

The Service Director for Neighbourhood Delivery responded that a second round of applications would be reviewed in December. So far £5,000 had been allocated to projects out of the £22,000 available.

The Chair thanked everyone who took part in the launching events of which the one in Silverdale which he attended and was yet another good example of community engagement with the Council leading from the front and volunteers as well as the police joining in.

Resolved: That the draft Civic Pride (Empowering Our Communities) Strategy 2025-28 be considered and feedback be provided in advance of adoption.

[Watch the debate here](#)

7. REVIEW OF PARKS TASK & FINISH WORKING GROUP FINAL REPORT

The Streetscene Business Manager presented the report on the work undertaken by the Review of Parks Task & Finish Working Group.

Cllr Reece wondered about the chances for the proposals to be followed through and their financial viability.

The Streetscene Business Manager responded that the financial viability of the projects had been assessed by contacting regional contractors who provided quotations. Smaller scales painters and decorators had then been targeted and the cost difference suggested a local provision of the services would be the way to go. Mitigating the risks associated with local providers could be done by spreading the work among two or three contractors.

Cllr Reece enquired about the location of the 11 playgrounds identified as in need of immediate refurbishment.

The Streetscene Business Manager advised that the list could be shared after the meeting. Complaints had come up through residents and play areas inspectors had confirmed that they were in a poor and deficient state.

Cllr Northcott welcomed the contingencies towards refurbishment and repairs.

Cllr Whieldon thanked officers for their involvement and for the map provided to the working group showing the location of the various play areas. This had been

particularly useful and made it easier to bring the information to the attention of other committees.

The Chair suggested that would the recommendations be adopted the information could be shared with parish councils whose contractors and ground teams might be interested in helping out.

- Resolved:**
1. That Cabinet adopts a revised policy for unsupervised children's playgrounds, be proposed.
 2. That a more frequent review of facilities and their management, such as every 5 years, be considered.
 3. That the development of a programme of playground painting refurbishment be proposed, and that budget authority be delegated to the Service Director for Sustainable Environment and the Streetscene Business Manager
 4. That the procurement of EzyAsset be acknowledged to enable the enhanced management of the playground facilities.
 5. That future consideration be given for adult exercise equipment in a prime location as a pilot initiative.

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8. REVIEW OF ANIMAL WELFARE CHARTER

The Service Director for Neighbourhood Delivery gave a verbal update on the Review of the Animal Welfare Charter, a statement of support from the Council towards animal welfare rather than an action plan.

Small things had been done such as writing to allotment holders to warn them against the risks of pesticides however the powers and duties around neglect and animal cruelty were in the hands of other bodies such as the police and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA).

The Chair said feeling proud of the work achieved by the Committee in establishing the Charter and thanked officers for the update.

Resolved: That the verbal update be noted.

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9. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The Service Director for Neighbourhood Delivery presented the Community Safety Partnership and Action Plan highlighting the Council's statutory duty to work with partners – the Police being one of them.

Priorities and hot spots were identified every year with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Office leading to pulling out resources to tackle problems. This was done successfully with funding received from the Government and data showing that crimes were reducing.

Cllr Reece welcomed the trend and asked if strategy to reduce violence against women and girls had played a role in the reduction.

The Service Director for Neighbourhood Delivery confirmed that it had been a focus for the Police who was keeping the Council up to date on it. A safe place was also run by volunteers on Friday night at the Iron Market and work had been done with street medics and businesses operating at nighttime to reduce the occurrence of violence even further.

Cllr Whieldon commented on the fact that it was a growing phenomenon requiring vigilance.

Cllr Reece enquired about knife crime and if knives were voluntarily deposited.

The Service Director for Neighbourhood Delivery responded that data could be provided and that the problem lied mainly in carrying knives and bladed weapons rather than using them.

Cllr Barker enquired about empty buildings that the community worked hard to get and were property of Staffordshire County Council in Chesterton and a local youth club which had closed.

The Service Director for Neighbourhood Delivery and Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing advised that this was not within the remit of the Council and should be taken to the County Council.

About the closure referred to there was a Youth project funded by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, that had been run in Chesterton and Kidsgrove. This was still ongoing and may have moved to another venue.

Cllr Dymond confirmed that one such project run by volunteers had just started in Kidsgrove where a room had been made available.

Cllr Whieldon commented that a Youth venue had indeed been closed in Chesterton and suggested that it may be a good thing to contact the County Council about it as such clubs would keep young people off the street.

The Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing acknowledged the suggestion, meanwhile noting that while the County Council may help those projects required volunteers to run them.

Cllr Whieldon wished to add that board games clubs may be another option worth considering.

The Service Director for Neighbourhood Delivery advised that those ideas could be floated to the Joint Operation Group.

The Chair reiterated that volunteers were needed to run youth projects and concluded by welcoming the pro-active approach taken by the police in relation to drug related offenses

Resolved: 1. That the report be received and the successful outcomes achieved in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, as well as the work in progress to continue to tackle the strategic priorities, be noted.

2. That the updated Local Crime and Police Plan in line with the Strategic Assessment priorities for 2025/26 be received and noted.

[Watch the debate here](#)

10. WORK PROGRAMME

The Chair stated that a more detailed update on the District and Borough Health Scrutiny activity would be provided at the next meeting.

Cllr Whieldon reiterated her request that the Environment Agency be contacted to clarify the situation in relation to the public event that was supposed to be held at the end of September.

Cllr Reece asked about the former A53 bus gate scheme. An update would be sought and provided at the next meeting.

Resolved: That the work programme be noted.

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11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions were received from members of the public.

12. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: That the next meeting be held on the 24th November 2025 at 7pm.

**Councillor Rupert Adcock
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 7.57 pm

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Monday 10 November 2025

District and Borough Health Scrutiny Activity

Recommendation

I recommend that:

- a. The report be received, and consideration be given to any matters arising from the Health Scrutiny activity being undertaken by the Staffordshire District and Borough Councils, as necessary.

Summary

1. The Committee receives updates at each meeting to consider any matters arising from the Health Scrutiny activity being undertaken by the Staffordshire District and Borough Councils.

Background

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2001 confers on local authorities with social services functions powers to undertake scrutiny of health matters. The County Council currently have responsibility for social services functions but, to manage health scrutiny more effectively, they have agreed with the eight District/Borough Councils in the County to operate joint working arrangements.
3. Each District/Borough Council has a committee in which holds the remit for health and wellbeing scrutiny matters and matters that have a specifically local theme. The Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee will continue to deal with matters that impact on the whole or large parts of the County and that require wider debate across Staffordshire.
4. District and Borough Councils each have a representative from the County Council Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a member of the relevant committee with remit for health scrutiny matters. The County Councillors will update the District and Borough Councils on matters considered by the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A summary of matters considered by this committee is circulated to District and Borough Councils for information.

5. It is anticipated that the District and Borough Councillors who are members of this committee will present the update of matters considered at the District and Borough committees to the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
6. The following is a summary of the health scrutiny activity which has been undertaken at the District/Borough Council level since the last meeting of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Cannock Chase District Council

Cannock Chase Council's Health, Wellbeing and The Community Scrutiny Committee held their first meeting of the year on 16 June 2025.

The Committee were informed that representatives from the ICB would be attending the next meeting on 15 September to give an update in respect of the Minor Injuries Unit at Cannock Chase Hospital.

The Committee received the Annual Scrutiny Business Report 2024/25, End of Year Performance 2024/25 and discussed the Work Programme for 2025/26. The Committee agreed several items which included two presentations and a review topic which would be considered by a Working Group on the Council's current Fencing Policy.

Date of next meeting: 8 December 2025

East Staffordshire Borough Council

East Staffordshire have been continuing to research two subjects. The first is "Access to Services" this review considers how people that have limited or no access to the internet are catered for by public authorities. The group want to particularly focus on elderly and vulnerable residents. As result, a subgroup of the committee has interviewed the Revenues & Benefits Manager for East Staffordshire Borough Council who has explained to the subgroup what provisions are made for these residents. The next stage is to speak with counterparts at Staffs CC.

Knife Crime is the second review, this study has spoken with Street Whyze, Catch 22, Staffs Police, The Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner, Youth Offending and SCVYS to gain multiple viewpoints. With interviews now concluded a subgroup of the committee are reviewing their notes and preparing a report for submission to the wider committee in quarter 3.

Lichfield District Council

Lichfield District Council's new Local Health Matters O&S Task Group met with representatives from the Integrated Care Board. The Task Group is chaired by Cllr Leona Leung (also LDC's representative to the Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board) and attended by SCC representative Cllr Tracey Dougherty. The Task Group and ICB discussed the proposed closure of the Samuel Johnson maternity birthing unit (and the associated consultation) and the planned new Burntwood Health & Wellbeing Centre.

The task group were pleased to hear that pre-natal and post-natal services would still be run from the Samuel Johnson regardless of the outcome of the consultation, though they believe this needs to be better publicised. The task group also expressed a firm opinion that whatever the outcome of the consultation may be, the space and resources at risk of closure at the Samuel Johnson should then remain within the control of maternity services, rather than subsequently being allocated to a different department. Members agreed to follow up the progress of the Burntwood Health & Wellbeing Centre with planning officers. Cllr Dougherty similarly offered to chase the issue with County Planning officers.

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

The Borough Council's Health Well-being and Environment Scrutiny Committee met on 15th September when it considered the following:

- an update on Walleys Quarry following the closure of the landfill operation
- a final report by a Member Task and Finish Group into the Borough Council's parks and open spaces and their management
- a report providing details of work delivered by the Community Safety Partnership in 2024/25, and planned actions for 2025/26 in the Local Police and Crime Plan and the Community Safety Action Plan.
- a report on the draft Civic Pride (Empowering Our Communities) Strategy 2025 – 28.
- a verbal update on implementation of the Council's Animal Welfare Charter

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is on 24th November.

South Staffordshire District Council

South Staffordshire Councils Wellbeing Select Committee last met on Tuesday 10th June 2025. The following matters were considered.

Staffordshire Locality Improvement Framework

The Assistant Director for Community Services updated on the Locality improvement Framework and how this could be developed in South Staffordshire to tackle health inequalities.

The Locality Improvement Framework (LIF) aims to enhance access, experience and health outcomes for those people and communities who need it most.

Key objectives include:

- **To improve health outcomes:** Enhance the overall health & wellbeing of residents by focussing on preventative measures and addressing health disparities.
- **To align primary and secondary prevention:** Integrate efforts across different levels of care to provide a seamless and effective health and care experience.
- **To deliver systematic, measurable change:** Implement a population health management approach to achieve measurable improvements at scale

South Staffordshire have been allocated £100,000 to deliver the LIF programme within the district and are currently working with partners to prepare a bid which will be submitted in July 2025.

Uk Shared Prosperity Update – Health and Wellbeing Programmes

The Community Services Manager gave an update on programmes that have been funded by the Uk Shared Prosperity fund and how this is supporting health and wellbeing within the district.

Community Safety Partnership Action Plan 2023-2026

The Councils Community Wellbeing and Partnership Officer and the Police Commander for South Staffordshire Police provided a twelve-month performance update against the South Staffordshire Community Safety Partnership Action Plan, covering the financial year 2024-2025.

- To reduce all recorded crime by 2%. **All crime reduced by 3%**
- To reduce vehicle crime by 2%. **Vehicle crime reduced by 4%**
- To increase the number of repeat victims of domestic abuse accessing services by 20% - **Numbers increased by 7%**
- To reduce serious violence, including violence against women and girls (VAWG) by 2%. **More serious violence reduced by 4%, VAWG reduced by 14%**
- To reduce anti-social behaviour by 10% - **Anti-social behaviour reduced by 16%.**

- To maintain the high level of feeling of safety during the day (88%) and improve the feeling of safety after dark (67%) – from the Residents' Survey in 2023 figures of reassurance remain the same.
As of 28th March no change in perception of residents both during the day and after dark.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 2nd December 2025.

Stafford Borough Council

Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 17 June 2025 and welcomed the new County Councillor. The Committee received an update from the Task and Finish Working Group (Food Waste) and received the End of Year Performance Report. The next meeting is 24 September 2025 where presentations will be received regarding Housing Plus and Disabled Facilities Grants.

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

The Council's Health and Wellbeing Committee met on 24 March 2025 and 25 June 2025.

At the meeting in March, members received an overview of the place-based work carried out as part of the Move More Strategy and information on Health Inequalities funding.

During the meeting in June, Officers from the Public Health team at SCC provided a presentation on vaping and members were also updated on Health Inequalities Funding for damp and mould. Consideration was also given to the funding of the Moorlands Homelink Service.

The Chair provides feedback on the work undertaken by the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee at each meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 3 September 2025.

Tamworth Borough Council

Wednesday 9th July 2025

The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee received an update on the work of the Health and Wellbeing partnership and a presentation on the Locality Improvement Framework funding for Tamworth.

The next scheduled meeting is on 23 September 2025.

Link to Strategic Plan

7. Scrutiny work programmes are aligned to the ambitions and delivery of the principles, priorities, and outcomes of the Staffordshire Corporate Plan.

Link to Other Overview and Scrutiny Activity

8. The update reports provide overview of scrutiny activity across Borough and Districts, shares good practice, and highlights emerging concerns which inform work programmes for Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committees across Staffordshire.

List of Background Documents/Appendices:

Council	District/ Borough Representative on CC	County Council Representative on DC/BC
Cannock Chase	Tony Johnson	Neil Parton
East Staffordshire	Aaron Mansfield	Michael Carver
Lichfield	Steve Norman	Tracey Dougherty
Newcastle	Rupert Adcock	Adam Griffiths
South Staffordshire	Helen Adams	James Hodges
Stafford BC	Ann Edgeller	Antonia Orlandi-Fantini
Staffordshire Moorlands	John Jones	Charlotte Kelly
Tamworth	Natalie Statham	Wayne Luca

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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

CORPORATE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S

REPORT TO CABINET

04 November 2025

Report Title: Walleys Quarry – Odour Issues

Submitted by: Chief Executive

Portfolios: Sustainable Environment; One Council, People & Partnerships

Ward(s) affected: All

<p><u>Purpose of the Report</u></p> <p>To update Cabinet on the latest position regarding the problematic odours in the Borough associated with Walleys Quarry.</p>	<p>Key Decision Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>Cabinet is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the contents of this update report. 	
<p><u>Reasons</u></p> <p>To ensure Cabinet is kept updated on the ongoing work regarding the problem odours associated with Walleys Quarry landfill.</p>	

1. **Background**

- 1.1 For a number of years, parts of the borough have suffered from foul odours from the Walleys Quarry Landfill Site in Silverdale which has, until its liquidation been operated by Walleys Quarry Ltd. The Environment Agency (EA) is the lead regulator for permitted landfill sites, testing and enforcing compliance with the permit under which the site operates. The Council also has a role in influencing the operation and performance of such sites, where an operator fails to comply with actions required under an abatement notice issued by the Council in relation to any statutory nuisance caused by the site.
- 1.2 In March 2021, Council held an extraordinary meeting to receive the report of the Economy, Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee review into the Walleys Quarry issues, and to debate a motion demanding the immediate suspension of operations and acceptance of waste at the Walleys Quarry Landfill site.
- 1.3 Following extensive work, officers determined that the odours from the Walleys Quarry site amounted to a Statutory Nuisance and, on 13 August 2021, served an Abatement Notice on Walleys Quarry Ltd. (WQL). Following an appeal by Walleys Quarry Ltd, and a successful mediation process, His Honour District Judge Grego approved the

settlement that the parties had reached and issued a court order upholding the Abatement Notice and dismissing WQL's appeal on 6 October 2022.

- 1.4** Further instances of statutory nuisance identified which amount to a breach of the Abatement Notice, the Council's Enforcement Policy will guide the process to be followed [Reference: [Environmental Health enforcement policy – Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council \(newcastle-staffs.gov.uk\)](https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/environmental-health-enforcement-policy)]. This would determine what action the Council would take, and whether that would be formal or informal. Enforcement is usually considered sequentially but should the circumstances or nature of the breach be such, escalation direct to prosecution is possible. The Council needs to obtain the consent of the Secretary of State before it is able to prosecute an offence of breaching an abatement notice, as the site is permitted by the Environment Agency. Such consent has been obtained.

- 1.5** Members and Officers have attended Liaison Meetings to maintain contact with Walleys Quarry Ltd, and with other agencies involved with the issue. Cabinet has received monthly updates on the issues relating to the odours, and Council has also been regularly updated.

- 1.6** At its meeting of 23 July 2025, full Council resolved to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the local member of parliament, the Chief Executive of the Environment Agency and the Leader of Staffordshire County Council. The following updates on this correspondence are provided.

1.6.1 The Secretary of State, Steve Reed OBE MP, was asked to provide a timetable for a public enquiry into the actions of the Environment Agency through the Walleys Quarry process and for confirmation that he would provide a guarantee that all costs of remediation would be met by UK Government.

1.6.2 In response, correspondence has been received on 18 September 2025 from Mary Creagh CBE MP, and is set out in Appendix 4. The Minister states: 'My position has not changed in respect of granting a public inquiry since my letter to Cllr Tagg of 4 October 2024. The EA has complied with environmental law and has fulfilled its statutory duties in regulating Walleys Quarry and its ongoing management of the site to prevent the risk of pollution or harm. I am not convinced of the benefits of holding such an inquiry and believe that our efforts are best focussed on addressing the problems at the site.'

1.6.3 The Member of Parliament for Newcastle-under-Lyme, Adam Jodge MP, was asked for specific assistance in getting the relevant Government departments and agencies to engage with the multi-agency co-ordinating group; to call for Government to play an active role in the safe restoration of the site; and to join calls for a public enquiry into the site and its regulation. There has to date been no response.

1.6.4 The Chief Executive for the Environment Agency was asked to commit real and lasting financial support for the restoration of the site; that continuous monitoring would continue to be in place; and that a public meeting be held by the end of September. A reply was received on 20 August 2025 and is set out in the previous Cabinet report.

- 1.7** The Council continues to assess the prevalence of odours off site.

2. Complaint Data

- 2.1** Below is a schedule of complaints received by the Council and by the Environment Agency for the last 3 months, reported on a weekly basis. Historical complaint data is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

	Complaints to NULBC	Complaints to Environment Agency
August 2025		
04/08/25 - 10/08/25	2	0
11/08/25 - 17/08/25	0	3
18/08/25 - 24/08/25	0	0
25/08/25 - 31/08/25	2	0
September 2025		
01/09/25 - 07/09/25	1	0
08/09/25 - 14/09/25	0	0
15/09/25 - 21/09/25	0	3
22/09/25 - 28/09/25	0	1
October 2025		
29/10/25 - 05/10/25	0	3
06/10/25 - 12/10/25	1	0
13/10/25 - 19/10/25	0	3
20/10/25 - 26/10/25	0	3
27/10/25 - 02/11/25	0*	Awaited

*Figure may alter due to backdated complaints received

2.2 October 2025

- There were no 'odour events' (where 10 or more complaints have been reported) during the month of October.
- The total number of odour complaints for October was 1 complaint reported on Tuesday 07 October 2025.

NULBC Odour Assessments

- 2.3** Officers have undertaken odour assessments. The type of monitoring includes spot assessments (instantaneous assessments) and assessments made over a 5-minute period where the odour intensity is recorded every 10 seconds.
- 2.4** With the reduction in complaint numbers, odour assessments are proactive rather than reactive and aim to provide reassurance monitoring within the community.
- 2.5** In October, 11 spot assessments were undertaken all of which reported an intensity rating of 0 [no odour].

NULBC Mobile Air Quality Monitoring (using Jerome monitor)

- 2.6** No hydrogen sulphide monitoring was undertaken by Officers in October 2025.

Air Quality

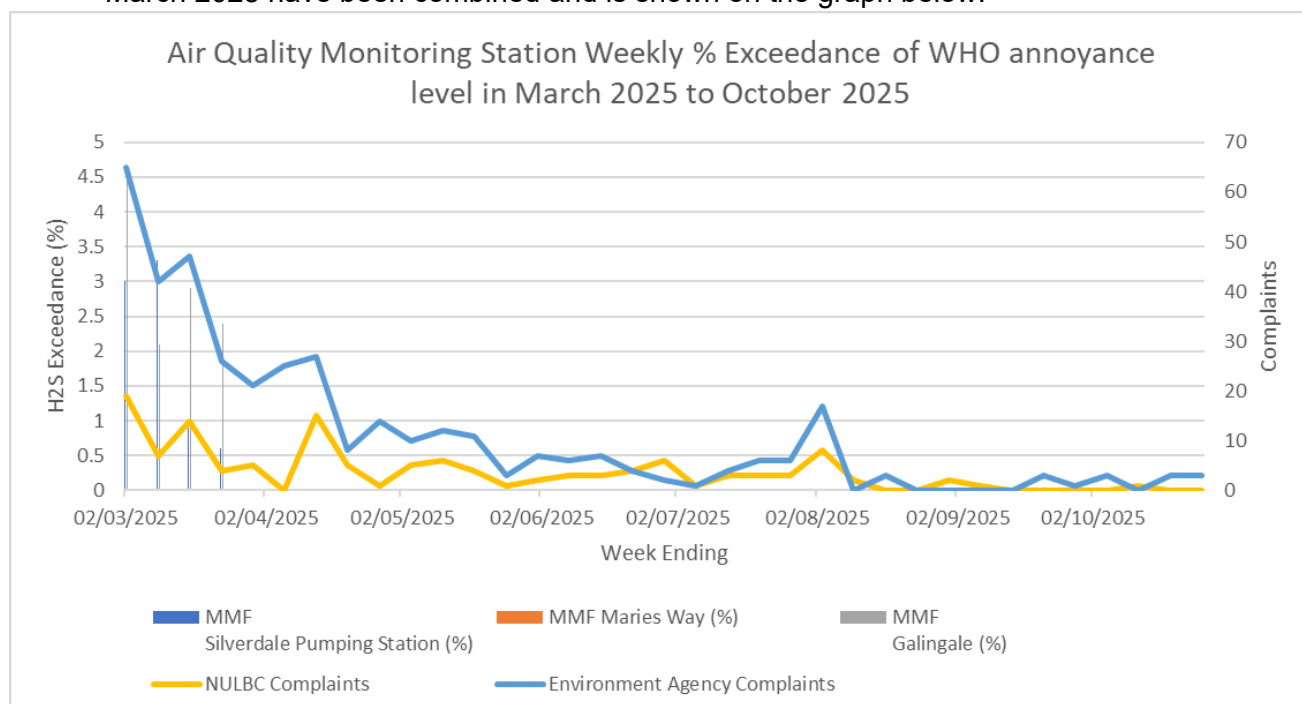
- 2.7** The Council, Staffordshire County Council, and the Environment Agency have jointly funded a campaign of air quality monitoring utilising static air monitoring stations. The

Environment Agency manage and operate these air quality monitoring stations. Data from these stations is routinely published weekly by the Environment Agency (EA).

- 2.8** The air quality data up to September 2025 has been published on the EA website and the KPI data has been updated.
- 2.9** The latest H2S data is set out in the table below, defining the proportion of the time periods where H2S levels were above the WHO Odour Annoyance guideline of 7ug/m³. Historic data is available in Appendix 2.

Time Period	MMF Maries Way (%)	MMF Silverdale Pumping Station (%)	MMF Galingale View (%)
28 July - 03 August 2025	0.0		0.0
4 August - 10 August 2025	0.0		0.0
11 August - 17 August 2025	0.0		0.0
18 August - 24 August 2025	0.0		0.0
25 August - 31 August 2025	0.0		0.0
01 September - 07 September 2025	0.0		0.0
08 September - 14 September 2025	0.0		0.0
15 September - 21 September 2025	0.0		0.0
22 September - 28 September 2025	0.0		0.0
29 September - 05 October 2025	0.0		0.0
06 October - 12 October 2025	0.0		0.0
13 October- 19 October 2025	0.0		0.0
20 October – 26 October 2025	0.0		0.0

- 2.10** The complaint data and weekly % exceedance of the WHO annoyance level since March 2025 have been combined and is shown on the graph below:



Environment Agency Regulatory and Enforcement Action

- 2.11** The EA provide updates on its regulatory activity on the Walleys Quarry Landfill which can be accessed here:
<https://engageenvironmentagency.uk.engagementhq.com/hub-page/walleys-quarry-landfill>.
- 2.12** The EA 'launched 'Report an environmental problem,' a new online reporting service to make it easier to report water and odour pollution across England. The EA advise that if you need to report an odour, please use the following link - [Report a smell from a waste facility, industrial site or farm in England - GOV.UK.](#)'

Walleys Quarry Limited Update – Voluntary Liquidation [28 February 2025]

- 2.13** The registered office for Walleys Quarry Ltd has changed to Suite 3, Avery House 69 North Street Brighton BN41 1DH. No further updates have been uploaded to the filing history for Walleys Quarry Ltd on Companies House.
- 2.14** There is no legal time limit on how long a liquidation will last. A typical liquidation takes a year to complete but can go on for longer. It depends on what assets are to be realised, and how long it takes to agree creditors' claims.

NULBC Update

- 2.15** The Council is providing both the EA and liquidator any support we can within our powers to keep this landfill under control, as it is currently.
- 2.16** We will continue to monitor the data in relation to the landfill.
- 2.17** We will continue to undertake odour monitoring and assessments in the community.
- 2.18** We would ask that should the community be adversely affected by odour that complaints are logged to the EA or ourselves via [Report a problem or concern about Walleys Quarry – Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council](#).
- 2.19** We have started working with partners to review:
- the ongoing work by the Environment Agency to minimise emissions off site;
 - the future of the site considering the availability of any funding and the potential routes to delivery
- 2.20** Further details of this work will be provided in a future report following the establishment of working groups.

UK Health Security Agency [UKHSA]

2.21 Walleys Quarry landfill health update

'Since April 2025, UKHSA's monthly health risk assessments have noted that hydrogen sulphide concentrations have been below the World Health Organisation (WHO) odour annoyance guideline value, and that the monthly average concentrations have been below the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Reference Concentration (RfC) long-term (lifetime) health-based guidance value. UKHSA concludes that this is likely to remain the case, with the steps the Environment Agency

has arranged to take on site to remove a risk of serious pollution, and this position will replace the UKHSA monthly health risk assessments for future purposes.

In agreement with multi-agency partners, UKHSA will continue to review air quality data provided by the Environment Agency and should hydrogen sulphide concentrations or odour reports increase considerably, UKHSA may update the position set out below, or if appropriate, reinstate its monthly health risk assessments.

UKHSA health risk assessment for September 2025

UKHSA uses the WHO odour annoyance guideline level of 7µg/m³ for hydrogen sulphide to assess odour pollution impacts. Odour may still be present below this concentration; however, it is anticipated that the strength of any odour will be reduced. Symptoms such as headache, nausea, dizziness, watery eyes, stuffy nose, irritated throat, cough or wheeze, sleep problems and stress, that were exacerbated by high levels of odour, are now expected to be less severe and occur less often. This will reduce the impact on people's health and wellbeing.

The cumulative average concentrations of hydrogen sulphide are also falling towards the US EPA RfC lifetime guideline value of 2 µg/m³ along with monthly average concentrations close to or below the US EPA RfC value. Whilst the risk to long-term (lifetime) health cannot be excluded, currently this risk is likely to be small and will continue to be so while hydrogen sulphide concentrations remain around the current level. Reductions in hydrogen sulphide are anticipated to continue to improve.'

Key Performance Data

2.22 Through the settlement agreement both Walleys Quarry Ltd and the Council had developed key performance indicators in relation to relevant data from each organisation, only data for NULBC is available, following Walleys Quarry Ltd liquidation. The NULBC data is shown in Appendix 3.

2.23 The data from the Council covers the period from July 2025 to September 2025 and provides complaint numbers and officer assessments.

3. Recommendation

3.1 Cabinet is recommended to:

- Note the contents of this update report.

4. Reasons for Proposed Solution

4.1 To ensure Cabinet is kept updated of the ongoing work to address the issues associated with the odours from Walleys Quarry landfill.

5. Options Considered

5.1 To provide regular updates to Cabinet.

6. Legal and Statutory Implications

6.1 Part III of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 is the legislation concerned with statutory nuisances in law. This is the principal piece of legislation covering the Council's duties and responsibilities in respect of issues relating to odour nuisance:

- The Environmental Protection Act 1990, section 79 sets out the law in relation to statutory nuisance. This is the principal piece of legislation covering the Council's duties and responsibilities in respect of issues relating to odour nuisance.
 - The relevant part of Section 79 defines a statutory nuisance as any smell or other effluvia arising on industrial, trade or business premises which is prejudicial to health or a nuisance. The Council is responsible for undertaking inspections and responding to complaints to determine whether a statutory nuisance exists.
 - Where a statutory nuisance is identified or considered likely to arise or recur, section 80 of the Act requires that an abatement notice is served on those responsible for the nuisance. The abatement notice can either prohibit or restrict the nuisance and may require works to be undertaken by a specified date(s).
 - It is then a criminal offence to breach the terms of the abatement notice. Because the site is regulated by the Environment Agency under an Environmental Permit, the council would need to obtain the consent of the Secretary of State before it is able to prosecute any offence of breaching the abatement notice.
 - The Act provides powers in respect of a breach. If a person on whom an abatement notice is served, without reasonable excuse, contravenes or fails to comply with any requirement or prohibition imposed by the notice, they shall be guilty of an offence. If this is on industrial, trade or business premises shall be liable on conviction to an unlimited fine. It is a defence that the best practicable means were used to prevent, or to counteract the effects of, the nuisance.
- 6.2** In 2024, the Council established breaches of the abatement notice. As the Council was not the primary regulatory permission to undertake legal proceedings was sought from the Secretary of State. This permission was received in July 2024, preparation for legal proceedings commenced, with the intention to issue proceedings in late 2024/early 2025.
- 6.3** This report details both the EA closure notice and subsequent appeal against the closure notice, which the Borough Council was a principal party to present evidence in relation to the statutory odour nuisance.
- 6.4** Walleys Quarry Ltd in February 2025 entered voluntary liquidation.
- 6.5** Upon the liquidation of Walleys Quarry Ltd, the abatement notice and the legal requirements in respect of odours, will cease to be enforceable. As a result, those legal proceedings will not continue. The council will keep this under review.
- 6.6** The Council also continues to engage with the Crown Estate and the EA regarding any future plans for the site.

7. Equality Impact Assessment

- 7.1** The work of the Council in this regard recognises that the problematic odours in the area may impact on some groups more than others. The work is focussed on minimising this impact as soon as possible.

8. Financial and Resource Implications

- 8.1** Dedicated officer resource has been allocated to continue the Council's work regarding Walleys Quarry Landfill.
- 8.2** From April 2024 there is a £300k reserve for works associated with Walleys Quarry Landfill site. Should further funding be required, up to £300k can be made available through the transfer of useable reserves (£100k from the Borough Growth Fund and £200k from the Budget and Borrowing Support Fund). These funds can be transferred without Council approval.
- 8.3** On 20 November 2024 Council approved a further sum of £400k (£250k from the General Fund Reserve, £150k from the Budget and Borrowing Support Fund) for costs associated with action to prosecute, and delegate to the Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for One Council, People and Performance and Town Centres and Finance, to draw down and remit such funds as and when necessary for this action.
- 8.4** On 25 February 2025, the Council was listed as a creditor in the 'Notice of Statement of Affairs' signed by a Director of Walleys Quarry Ltd. The amount owed to the Council is £132,097.20. This outstanding debt is made up of £102,000 in respect of the legal fees agreed through the mediated settlement in court back in October 2022 relating to the Abatement Notice. The remaining amount relates to outstanding Business Rates.
- 8.5** The Council is now in correspondence with Walleys Quarry liquidators in order to recover these outstanding monies. Updates on this situation will be provided as and when available.

9. Major Risks

- 9.1** A GRACE risk assessment has been completed including the following main risks:
- Failure to achieve a reduction in odour levels;
 - Community dissatisfaction at odour levels;
 - The ability to take enforcement action against abatement notice;
 - Failure to evidence a breach of the abatement notice;
- 9.2** Controls have been identified and implemented in order to control these risks; the main controls include:
- Dedicated officer resource for Walleys Quarry work has been secured;
 - Continued air quality monitoring provision;
 - Robust procedure for investigating complaints with experienced officers;
 - Specialist expert advice maintained;
 - Multi-Agency partnership working continues.

10. UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)



11. One Council

11.1 Please confirm that consideration has been given to the following programmes of work:

One Commercial Council ☐

We will make investment to diversify our income and think entrepreneurially.

One Digital Council ☒

We will develop and implement a digital approach which makes it easy for all residents and businesses to engage with the Council, with our customers at the heart of every interaction.

The Council will use all available monitoring data and digital tools in making strategic and operational decisions in relation to Walleys Quarry.

One Sustainable Council ☒

We will deliver on our commitments to a net zero future and make all decisions with sustainability as a driving principle.

The Council will further develop the Walleys Quarry landfill webpage to make it easier for residents and businesses to be kept up to date with the works being undertaken onsite.

The Council is not a user of Walleys Quarry. Within its restricted powers, the Council is committed to ensuring that waste does not cause a nuisance for residents and ultimately wishes to see the end of landfill, with a site that is successful closed, capped off and restored.

12. Key Decision Information

12.1 As an update report, this is not a Key Decision.

13. Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions

13.1 This matter has been variously considered previously by Economy, Environment & Place and Health, Wellbeing & Environment Scrutiny Committee, Council and Cabinet on 21st April 2021, 9th June 2021, 7th July 2021, 21st July 2021, 8th September 2021, 13th October 2021, 3rd November 2021, 17th November, 1st December 2021, 12th January 2022, 2nd February 2022, 23rd February 2022, 23rd March 2022, 20th April 2022, 7th June 2022, 19th July 2022, 6th September 2022, 18th October 2022, 8th November 2022, 6th December 2022, 10th January 2023, 7th February 2023, 13th March 2023, 5th April 2023, 6th June 2023, 18th July 2023, 19th September 2023, 17th October 2023, 7th November 2023, 5th December 2023, 16th January 2024, 6th February 2024, 14th February 2024.

19th March 2024, 10th April 2024, 4th June 2024, 16th July 2024, 10th September 2024, 25th September 2024, 15th October 2024, 5th November 2024, 25th November 2024. 3rd December 2024, 9th January 2025, 4th February 2025, 18th March 2025, 6th May 2025, 3rd June 2025, 8th July 2025, 2nd September 2025, 15th September 2025 and 14th October 2025.

14. List of Appendices

- 14.1** Appendix 1. Historical Complaint data
- 14.2** Appendix 2. Percentage exceedance above WHO odour annoyance guideline
- 14.3** Appendix 3. NULBC Key Performance Data

Appendix 1 – Historic Complaint Numbers

Week Ending	Complaints to NuLBC	Complaints to Environment Agency	Week Ending	Complaints to NuLBC	Complaints to Environment Agency
2022			25-Sep	14	79
09-Jan	73	352	02-Oct	13	58
16-Jan	258	1045	09-Oct	42	102
23-Jan	134	651	16-Oct	52	165
30-Jan	25	139	23-Oct	73	186
06-Feb	16	64	30-Oct	30	82
13-Feb	31	120	06-Nov	27	116
20-Feb	49	166	13-Nov	23	86
27-Feb	40	264	20-Nov	60	113
06-Mar	118	571	27-Nov	2	70
13-Mar	72	285	04-Dec	19	47
20-Mar	224	1126	11-Dec	43	163
27-Mar	412	1848	18-Dec	22	114
03-Apr	243	1072	25-Dec	12	45
10-Apr	132	895	2023		
17-Apr	156	752	01-Jan	11	39
24-Apr	65	310	08-Jan	12	32
01-May	49	213	15-Jan	13	25
08-May	39	193	22-Jan	47	118
15-May	35	160	29-Jan	51	149
21-May	43	134	05-Feb	13	66
29-May	20	81	12-Feb	26	115
05-Jun	27	169	19-Feb	7	39
12-Jun	42	234	26-Feb	3	15
19-Jun	25	263	05-Mar	7	13
26-Jun	28	208	12-Mar	12	74
02-Jul	9	54	19-Mar	23	63
09-Jul	4	34	26-Mar	19	56
16-Jul	14	72	02-Apr	51	103
23-Jul	21	52	09-Apr	45	152
30-Jul	12	93	16-Apr	11	64
06-Aug	22	124	23-Apr	48	101
13-Aug	32	133	30-Apr	148	278
21-Aug	11	79	07-May	50	150
28-Aug	12	89	14-May	53	164
04-Sep	10	30	21-May	147	320
11-Sep	9	64	28-May	90	210
18-Sep	13	83	04-Jun	24	43

Week Ending	Complaints to NuLBC	Complaints to Environment Agency	Week Ending	Complaints to NuLBC	Complaints to Environment Agency
11-Jun	19	75	24-Mar	120	330
18-Jun	76	154	31-Mar	81	254
25-Jun	80	170	07-Apr	56	220
02-Jul	40	99	14-Apr	17	75
09-Jul	18	46	21-Apr	32	145
16-Jul	20	54	28-Apr	55	196
23-Jul	15	73	05-May	41	167
30-Jul	28	97	12-May	75	311
06-Aug	21	67	19-May	76	192
13-Aug	7	30	26-May	89	240
20-Aug	10	44	02-Jun	75	207
27-Aug	8	38	09-Jun	38	114
03-Sep	11	59	16-Jun	50	147
10-Sept	26	71	23-Jun	67	189
17-Sept	12	72	30-Jun	117	298
24-Sept	8	31	07-Jul	45	103
01-Oct	8	26	14-Jul	52	155
08-Oct	8	37	21-Jul	118	277
15-Oct	29	64	28-Jul	93	189
22-Oct	22	81	04-Aug	61	162
29-Oct	26	115	11-Aug	53	143
05-Nov	5	15	18-Aug	50	160
12 Nov	40	123	25-Aug	35	185
19-Nov	35	119	01-Sept	7	46
26-Nov	36	135	08-Sept	14	42
3-Dec	115	265	15-Sept	25	95
10-Dec	83	151	22-Sept	43	118
17-Dec	48	180	29-Sept	16	53
24-Dec	28	79	06-Oct	52	147
31-Dec	44	129	13-Oct	80	187
2024			20-Oct	37	136
07-Jan	236	627	27-Oct	100	311
14-Jan	76	268	03-Nov	46	163
21-Jan	270	824	10-Nov	41	153
28-Jan	86	261	17-Nov	251	793
04-Feb	133	416	24-Nov	252	842
11-Feb	382	905	1-Dec	518	1478
18-Feb	186	527	8 -Dec	261	760
25-Feb	397	1264	15-Dec	182	518
03-Mar	333	990	22-Dec	220	797
10-Mar	218	694	29-Dec	418	1644
17-Mar	103	374	-	-	-

Week Ending	Complaints to NuLBC	Complaints to Environment Agency	Week Ending	Complaints to NuLBC	Complaints to Environment Agency
2025					
05-Jan	303	1315			
12-Jan	894	3878			
19-Jan	283	803			
26-Jan	109	470			
02-Feb	72	404			
09-Feb	47	221			
16-Feb	8	39			
23-Feb	6	26			
02-March	19	65			
09-March	7	42			
16-March	14	47			
23-March	4	26			
30-March	5	21			
06-April	0	25			
13-April	15	27			
20-April	5	8			
27-April	1	14			
04-May	5	10			
11-May	6	12			
18-May	4	11			
25-May	1	3			
01-June	2	7			
08-June	3	6			
15-June	3	7			
22-June	4	4			
29-June	6	2			
06-July	1	1			
13-July	3	4			
20-July	3	6			
27-July	3	6			
03-August	8	17			
10-August	2	0			
17-August	0	3			
24-August	0	0			
31-August	2	0			
07-September	1	0			
14-September	0	0			
21-September	0	3			
28-September	0	1			
05-October	0	3			

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Time Period			
	MMF1 (%)	MMF 2 (%)	MMF 9 (%)
02 October – 08 October 2023			0
09 October – 15 October 2023			9.4
16 October – 22 October 2023	0.9	0	7.8
23 October – 29 October 2023	13.7	3.0	10.4
30 October – 5 November 2023	7.8	0.6	NR
6 November – 12 November 2023	8.9	1.5	5.6
13 November – 19 November 2023	6.9	0.6	3
20 November – 26 November 2023	3.3	2.9	14.33
27 November – 3 December 2023	14.9	7.4	26.2
4 December – 10 December 2023	21.4	3.0	10.2
11 December – 17 December 2023	13.4	2.68	8.33
18 December – 24 December 2023	0	0	0.6
25 December- 31 December 2023	23.21	0.3	1.9
01 January – 07 January 2024	16.9	8.7	17.7
08 January – 14 January 2024	0		5.0
15 January – 21 January 2024	17.4		18.4
22 January – 28 January 2024	37.8		11.6
29 January – 04 February 2024	18.6		23.4
05 February – 11 February 2024	20.8		22.6
12 February – 18 February 2024	30.8		9.6
19 February – 25 February 2024	27.4		21.1
26 February – 03 March 2024	33.7		20.1
04 March – 10 March 2024	34		13
11 March – 17 March 2024	17.0		6.0
18 March – 24 March 2024	8	1.8	4.5
25 March – 31 March 2024	37.8	1.8	2.1
01 April - 07 April 2024	15.6	1.2	5.4
08 April – 14 April 2024	10.7	0	4.8
15 April – 21 April 2024	0.9	1.2	7.9
22 April – 28 April 2024	1.8	0	6.7
29 April – 05 May 2024	2.4	0.6	9.0
06 May – 12 May 2024	6.85	0.3	14.3
13 May – 19 May 2024	3.3	0	12.2
20 May – 26 May 2024	1.8	0.6	8.6
27 May – 02 June 2024	5.7	1.2	6.0
03 June – 09 June 2024	0	0	8.1
10 June – 16 June 2024	0.6	0	4.2
17 June – 23 June 2024	0.9	0.6	8.7
24 June – 30 June 2024	0.0	0.3	6.9

01 July - 7 July 2024	0.6	0.0	4.2
08 July - 14 July 2024	0.3	0.0	8.9
15 July - 21 July 2024	7.2	7.5	16.5
22 July - 28 July 2024	2.7	0	15.2
05 August - 11 August 2024	1.2	2.1	5.4
12 August - 18 August 2024	1.2	0.3	1.8
19 August - 25 August 2024	0	0	0
26 August - 01 September 2024	0	0	0.6
	MMF Maries Way (%)	MMF Silverdale Pumping Station (%)	MMF Galingale View (%)
02 September - 08 September 2024	0.6	0	1.1
09 September - 15 September 2024	1.8	3.3	5.7
16 September - 22 September 2024	0.3	0.0	10.8
23 September - 29 September 2024	4.8	0.6	0.6
30 September - 06 October 2024	18.7	3.6	7.2
07 October -13 October 2024	14.0	11.3	8.0
14 October - 20 October 2024	22.8	5.09	1.8
21 October - 27 October 2024	13.4	14.0	12.0
28 October - 03 November 2024	13.2	1.5	15.0
04 November -10 November 2024	47.9	2.1	0.3
11 November -17 November 2024	4.80	7.49	20.40
18 November - 24 November 2024	8.0	5.4	6.5
02 December - 8 December 2024	11.9	10.3	3.9
09 December - 15 December 2024	7.1	0.6	22.3
16 December - 22 December 2024	3.3	13.6	14.5
23 December - 29 December 2024	22.9	25.6	16.4
04 November - 10 November 2024	47.9	2.1	0.3
11 November - 17 November 2024	4.8	7.49	20.4
18 November - 24 November 2024	8.0	5.4	6.5
25 November - 1 December 2024	32.7	16.1	13.7
2 December - 8 December 2024	11.9	10.3	3.9
9 December - 15 December 2024	7.1	0.6	22.3
16 December - 22 December 2024	3.3	13.6	14.5
23 December - 29 December 2024	22.9	25.6	16.4
30 December - 05 January 2025	30.0	28.7	20.7
06 January - 12 January 2025	47.6	37.6	56.4
13 January - 19 January 2025	21.3	22.8	14.4
20 January - 26 January 2025	27.4	6.3	3.3
27 January - 02 February 2025	10.9	2.1	1.8
03 February - 09 February 2025	1.6	6.3	7.6

10 February - 16 February 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
17 February - 23 February 2025	0.0	0.3	0.0
24 February - 02 March 2025	0.0	3.0	4.5
03 March - 09 March 2025	0.0	3.3	2.1
10 March -16 March 2025	0.0	0.9	2.9
17 March - 23 March 2025	0.3	0.6	2.4
24 March - 30 March 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
31 March - 6 April 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
7 April - 13 April 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
14 April - 20 April 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
21 April - 27 April 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
03 March - 09 March 2025	0.0	3.3	2.1
10 March -16 March 2025	0.0	0.9	2.9
17 March - 23 March 2025	0.3	0.6	2.4
24 March - 30 March 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
31 March - 6 April 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
7 April - 13 April 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
14 April - 20 April 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
21 April - 27 April 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
28 April - 4 May 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
5 May - 11 May 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
12 May - 18 May 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
19 May - 25 May 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
26 May - 01 June 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
02 June - 08 June 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
09 June - 15 June 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
16 June - 22 June 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
23 June - 29 June 2025	0.0	0.0	0.0
30 June - 6 July 2025	0.0		0.0
7 July - 13 July 2025	0.0		0.0
14 July - 20 July 2025	0.0		0.0
21 July - 27 July 2025	0.0		0.0
28 July - 03 August 2025	0.0		0.0
4 August - 10 August 2025	0.0		0.0
11 August - 17 August 2025	0.0		0.0
18 August - 24 August 2025	0.0		0.0
25 August - 31 August 2025	0.0		0.0
01 September - 07 September 2025	0.0		0.0
08 September - 14 September 2025	0.0		0.0
15 September - 21 September 2025	0.0		0.0
22 September - 28 September 2025	0.0		0.0

29 September - 05 October 2025	0.0		0.0
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Appendix 3 – NULBC Key Performance Indicators

NULBC		Information	Measurement	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025
KPI 1	COMPLAINTS	Complaints reported to NULBC	Number/ Odour Intensity rating	<p>4</p> <p>Number of unique properties reporting complaints = 4</p> <p>Rating 0 = 0 Rating 1 = 0 Rating 2 = 0 Rating 3 = 1 complaints Rating 4 = 1 complaints (25%) Rating 5 = 1 complaints (25%) Rating 6 = 1 complaints (25%)</p> <p>% of complaints reporting odour entering the property = 2 (50%) % complaints reporting health effects = 1 (25%)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Number of unique properties reporting complaints = 1</p> <p>Rating 0 = 0 Rating 1 = 0 Rating 2 = 0 Rating 3 = 1 complaints Rating 4 = 0 complaints (0%) Rating 5 = 0 complaints (0%) Rating 6 = 0 complaints (0%)</p> <p>% of complaints reporting odour entering the property = 1 (100%) % complaints reporting health effects = 1 (100%)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Number of unique properties reporting complaints = 1</p> <p>Rating 0 = 0 Rating 1 = 0 Rating 2 = 0 Rating 3 = 0 complaints Rating 4 = 0 complaints (0%) Rating 5 = 1 complaint (100%) Rating 6 = 0 complaints (%)</p> <p>% of complaints reporting odour entering the property = 1 (100%) % complaints reporting health effects = 1 (100%)</p>
KPI 2		Complaints reported (daytime 07:00-23:00)	Number	4	1	1
KPI 3		Complaints reported (night-time 23:00-07:00)	Number	0	0	0
KPI 4		Highest number of complaints during the period	Date (number of complaints)	27/08/25 (2)	06/09/25 (1)	07/10/25 (1)

NULBC		Information	Measurement	MMF Location Name	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025
KPI 5	AIR QUALITY	Percentage exceedance Odour Annoyance Guideline (Hydrogen Sulphide 30-minute average)	%	MMF Maries Way	0%	0%	Awaiting data
				MMF Silverdale Pumping Station			
				MMF Galingale View	0%	0%	Awaiting data
KPI 6		Monthly Average H ₂ S	µg/m3 over the month	MMF Maries Way	1.4	1.5	Awaiting data
				MMF Silverdale Pumping Station			
				MMF Galingale View	1.7	1.8	Awaiting data
KPI 7	H ₂ S PEAK LEVEL	Level measured over a 5-minute period Date & Time	µg/m3	MMF Maries Way	4.45* (13/08/25 01:00)	4.26 (29/09/25 09:20)	Awaiting data
				MMF Silverdale Pumping Station			
				MMF Galingale View	4.45 (12/08/25 11:55)	5.44 (12/09/25 06:10)	Awaiting data
KPI 8	OFFICER ASSESSMENTS	Odour Rating - Officer odour assessment (5 minute)	Max Intensity Rating		No 5-minute assessments undertaken	No 5-minute assessments undertaken	No 5-minute assessments undertaken

*Amended from 4.44 to 4.45

HEALTH, WELLBEING AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE



Work Programme 2025-26

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Cllr David Hutchison – Sustainable Environment

This committee scrutinises policies, strategies and initiatives that are intended to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for the people who work and live in the borough. It scrutinises things such as leisure, open space and cultural provision, crime and antisocial behaviour, homelessness, health and other behaviours or environmental factors that affect health and well-being.

This Work Programme is set and reviewed at quarterly meetings of the Scrutiny Management Group. The Chair and Vice Chair also meet regularly with the Portfolio Holders to discuss this Work Programme. There is an opportunity for committee Members to discuss the Work Programme at each committee meeting. Part D of the Council's [Constitution](#) governs the scrutiny process.

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Planned Items

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	NOTES
24 th November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walleys Quarry Update Report (regular item) 	Officer: Nesta Barker
9 th March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walleys Quarry Update Report • Sustainable Environment Strategy Update (date to be confirmed) 	Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Andrew Bird

Future Items

The Review of the Gambling Policy is scheduled for November 2026

Previous Items

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	NOTES
3 rd March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newcastle Fire Station Update and Performance • Walleys Quarry Update Report • Parks & Open Spaces Task & Finish Working Update • International House – review of operation post planning permission being granted • Newcastle Town Centre - Community Safety Partnership 	Contact: Glynn Luznyj Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Andrew Bird Officer: Gill Taylor Officer: Roger Tait
25 th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walleys Quarry Odours Update • State of Parks across the Wards – open space, grassland and green infrastructure strategies including play equipment maintenance and repair as well as the opportunity for a Task & Finish working group • Tree Risk Management Strategy 	Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Andrew Bird Officer: Andrew Bird
16 th September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walleys Quarry Odours Update 	Officer: Nesta Barker

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Multi-Functional Team (MMF) - Scope and Purpose • Animal Welfare Strategy • Sustainable Environment Strategy Update 	Officer: Roger Tait Officer: Roger Tait Officer: Andrew Bird
3 rd June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walleys Quarry Odours Update • Youth Obesity - J2 Play Provisions • Chief Fire Officer Update 	Officer: Nesta Barker Officer Jo Halliday Contact: Glynn Luznyj
12 th June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walleys Quarry Odour Issues • Policing Antisocial Behaviours in the Borough – Staffordshire Police 	Officer: Nesta Barker Contact: Chief Inspector Darren McGrath
15 th September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Animal Welfare Charter • Review of Parks T&F Final Report • Walleys Quarry Update Report • Community Safety Partnership • Civic Pride (Empowering our Communities) Strategy 	Officer: Roger Tait Officer: Andrew Bird Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Roger Tait Officer: Roger Tait

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