

REGULATORY COMMITTEES CHAIR'S REPORTS

Audit and Standards Committee

The Committee met on 7th September 2022.

The first substantive item was the Internal Audit Update for Quarter 1 2022, presented by Clare Potts. The two Audits completed during the period had been categorised as “good”, the highest rating in use. It was noted that the highest number of outstanding recommendations related to the Chief Executive’s department and this was due to the relatively large number of areas of work in that department. Members then turned to the Corporate Risk Management Report for Quarters 4 2021/22 and 1 2022/23. The head of Legal/Governance presented the report and explained that work was underway to ensure that risks are clearly mapped to the council’s corporate priorities and that this process will develop as the restricting programme takes place.

While discussing the work plan a member proposed that the Town Deal spend vs budget be reported-on to the committee. Following discussion, it was felt that as the process was about to be subject to an internal audit and that such a proposal was not really within the remit of this committee and would be looked at by the Economic Development committee, it would not be appropriate at this time.

Cllr Paul Waring
Chair

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee has met twice since the last Council
19th July and 16th August 2022

At the July meeting

A substantive item concerned Morston House in the Midway in centre of Newcastle [APPLICATION FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT - MORSTON HOUSE, THE MIDWAY, NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME. THE DIRECTOR - WUKPG. 22/00300/FUL PDF 209 KB](#)

There were many reservations regarding this application regarding the proposed changing to a five-storey building and the visual impact that it would have on the town centre.

It was also felt that the building, in terms of its size and massing would have an overbearing impact on St Giles Church and on the Conservation area within the Town.

Members had concerns over the lack of parking provision and access for disabled users. This application was subsequently refused.

The other substantive agenda item was [APPLICATION FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT - LAND OFF CHEMICAL LANE, TUNSTALL. RAVENSDALE](#)

[PROP. SERVICES LTD & HARWORTH ESTATES INVEST LTD.](#)
[22/00353/FUL PDF 239 KB](#)

This was approved subject to conditions agreed by the Committee

There was an item of urgent business that related to 5 Boggs Cottage and another postponement by the Inspectorate for the planned hearing 12th of July. It was resolved that the Chair, Portfolio Holder for Planning with the CEO of the Council write to the Inspectorate, expressing the collective disappointment and dissatisfaction of the committee at the proposed rescheduling of the hearing take place next year.

The August meeting agenda was light in term of items, however there was one substantive item [APPLICATION FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT - ONE LONDON ROAD, NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME, ADOBE MANCHESTER LIMITED,](#)
[22/00548/FUL PDF 239 KB](#) This was permitted subject to conditions agreed at the meeting .

[UPDATE ON BREACH OF PLANNING OBLIGATION ENTERED INTO IN ASSOCIATION WITH 11/00284/FUL FOR THE ERECTION OF TWENTY THREE HOUSES AT THE FORMER SITE OF SILVERDALE STATION AND GOOD SHED, STATION ROAD, SILVERDALE PDF 257 KB](#) this report was received.

Officers reported that following the planning committee's resolution to write to the inspectorate at their previous meeting in July there had been a positive response received by the Council in that the offer of a hearing next year (31st of January 2023) had been improved upon and brought forward to the 7th of September 2022. This was unanimously received by the Committee.

The meeting of the Planning Committee due to take place on the 13th of September was postponed to respect of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the period of national mourning that followed.

Cllr Paul Northcott
Chair