

## **REGULATORY COMMITTEES CHAIR'S REPORTS**

### **Audit and Standards Committee**

**The Committee met on 6th February 2023.**

The first substantive item of business was to look at the Internal Audit Update Quarter 3, 2022/23 and Clare Potts, Chief Internal Auditor, then presented the report, detailing the internal audit work done so far during this year and the outcomes to date. There were questions from Members and it was agreed that further information relating Disabled Facilities Grants would be provided. Members agreed to receive the report.

The Monitoring Officer, Dan Dickenson then presented the Corporate Risk Management Report. Members were asked to note that there had been 9 risks that had been more than 6 months overdue, but also that these had all now been resolved. Members were informed that as part of the forthcoming training, there would be some worked examples of how risks are calculated by the Grace system.

Andrew Smith from the external auditors, Grant Thornton, briefly presented the final report on the Financial Statements 2021/22. The findings were confirmed as being as per the earlier version, as the outstanding audit work had not revealed any areas of concern.

Discussion then turned to the External Review of Internal Audit. Clare Potts advised members that the team had achieved the highest standard possible. Included were benchmarking details that showed that although a few areas were fractionally below average, the overall picture was very healthy and the Chair congratulated her the work done by herself and the team.

Cllr Paul Waring  
Chair

### **Licensing and Public Protection Committee**

The Licensing and Public Protection Committee has met twice since the last Full Council meeting, held on 13th December 2022 and 17th January 2023.

In the meeting held on 13th December Members received proposed fees for:

Scrap Metal Dealers; Gambling; Sexual Entertainment Venue Licensing 2023-2024 and proposed Private Hire and Hackney Carriage fees and charges 2023-2024. Members agreed and approved the recommendations that were set out in the reports.

The Committee also discussed the following:

Clean Air act 1993-Review of Smoke Control Areas and Enforcement Powers; Environment act 1995-Part IV Local Air Quality Management-Annual Status Report 2022; Environment Act 1995 Part IV-Consultation on Revocation of Little Madeley AQMA. Members agreed and approved the recommendations that were set out in those reports.

In the meeting held on 17th January the Committee considered the following Consultation reports:

Relaxation of Licensing Hours for His Majesty The King's Coronation-Licensing Act 2003; Updating of Section 182 Guidance to make reference to Spiking-Licensing Act 2003. Members noted the reports and agreed that the consultation response be supported and submitted.

Members also discussed two reports relating to Public Protection Order Public Consultation Updates and an Update on Results of Taxi Licensing Appeals. The Committee approved and noted the contents of these reports.

Since the last Full Council Meeting the Licensing Sub Committee has met twice and the Public Protection Sub Committee has met three times.

The minutes for the Licensing Sub Committee meetings held on 21 December and the Public Protection meeting held on 14th December were made available to the main Committee and were noted.

Councillor Andrew Parker  
Chair