

## **SCRUTINY COMMITTEES CHAIR'S REPORTS**

### **Health, Wellbeing and Environment Scrutiny Committee**

The Committee met on 6 March, 2023 and the following matters were considered:

- The Committee considered a report on the Urban Tree Planting Strategy including consultation responses and the 850 Lyme Forest proposal on the former Keele Golf Course site.
- The Committee considered the latest report to Cabinet on odour issues at Walleys Quarry.
- Members received a presentation regarding the conversion of the disused bowling green at Clough Hall Park into allotments.
- The committee considered the regular reports from the County Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Police, Fire and Crime Panel and notes of a meeting with the Integrated Care Board.
- The Work Programme was discussed and Members suggested topics including looking at the Charter for Safer Places for Women and Girls; leisure centre programmes to reduce obesity in children; projects around homelessness, mental health and wellbeing.

Cllr Ian Wilkes

Chair

### **Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee**

Since the last Full Council meeting, the committee has met once on Thursday, 16th March.

At this meeting there was an update from Cabinet, an ongoing update on the Future High Street and Town Deal's Fund projects and an overview of progress on the Borough Local Plan.

An update was given on the Housing Provision Working Group, which has met once and set an agenda for its first full meeting this month.

There was also supposed to be a strategic management of the town centre update from the BID. However, for the second time there was no representative and therefore no update given. The Chair will now take this up directly with the manager of the BID as this is unacceptable.

Cllr Gary White

Chair