

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

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

The Licensing and Public Protection Committee met on the 12th December 2023 and the following items were discussed and considered:

There were no reports in relation to Licensing matters.

The Committee received Public Protection reports for:

- Private & Hackney Carriage Fees & Charges 2024-25
- Amendment of Taxi Licensing Policy Provisions in relation to Tinted Windows
- Environment Act 1995 – Part IV Local Air Quality Management – Annual Status Report 2023

The committee agreed and noted the recommendations that were set out in the Public Protection reports

There has been one Licensing sub-committee and two Public Protection sub-committee meetings since the last Full Council meeting and the minutes were received.

Cllr Joan Whieldon  
Chair

### **Planning Committee**

The committee have met twice since the last Full Council meeting. The meetings are summarised below.

#### **5th December 2023**

There were only two substantive items on the agenda that evening. The first application was for major development - Land of Lamphouse Way, Wolstanton Newcastle, application number 22/00796/FUL for 43 dwellings. The principle of development had previously been established by a previous outline application for 64 units, application number 19/00301/OUT. The debate focused on the merits of the S106 agreement and the sustainability of the location. The committee supported the application subject to conditions.

The second substantive item was for an application for major development that had existing permissions but under reserved matters sought approval for site access - Chatterley Valley Development Site Peacock Hay Road, application number 23/00818/REM. This was also passed by the committee subject to conditions.

Next followed a minor application for a change of use from an existing business to a residential building at The Old Hall, Poolside, Madeley, application number 23/00769/FUL. this was resolved to approve.

Another application for other development was approved by the committee. This included the properties 23-25 Merrial Street, Newcastle Under Lyme, application number 23/00882/ADV. This related the intensity of the illuminated signage.

The committee also received a bi-monthly update on the land at Doddlespool Betley, which was included in the supplementary report that evening. It was resolved to bring a report back in 2 months' time.

There were 2 Tree preservation order applications. One being, land at Former Tagedale Quarry, Loggerheads, Eccleshall Road- 221 (2023), the other being land at Appleton Drive, Whitmore - 224 (2022). Both were agreed.

#### **4th January 2024 meeting**

There was one substantial item of major development at Ham Baker Slow Control. Garner Street, Etruria, S.O.T. Application number 23/00694/FUL

This concerned a retrospective application for a change of use from a B2 to a B8 site as the business was operating already on the site as a B8 site. The access was via the A53 Garner Street, Etruria road on the Eastern Boundary adjoining Stoke-on-Trent.

The committee were concerned that a retrospective application was not the preferred route but balanced the cost, harm and benefit of the application as it would continue to support the safeguarding of continued employment in the area and was voted unanimously to support, on this occasion.

The next item on the agenda related to application number 23/00892/DEEM3 (which was previously approved in October, 2023). The Car Park, Meadows Road, Kidsgrove. The application was to approve the minor change to the layout and form of parking and the new Community Hub on the site. This was considered reasonable and relevant by the committee and was approved.

The last item of business the committee were asked to accept was a report update on the land at Boggs Cottages, Keele and the enforcement action from a breach of planning control at this location. It was resolved to bring a report back to committee in two months' time.

Cllr Paul Northcott  
Chair