

## **Scrutiny Committee's Chairs' reports**

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

The Committee met on Thursday 13th March and received updates on the Newcastle-Under-Lyme Borough Local Plan 2040 and Town Deal and Future High Street Funds Update and also received a report on the Newcastle-Under-Lyme Business Improvement Progress Report.

The Committee raised questions and concerns to the officers on the reports but were happy enough to agree to the recommendations that were set out.

Members also discussed the upcoming Work Programme

The Committee will meet again on Thursday 19th June

Cllr Andrew Parker

Chair

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

The Health, Wellbeing and Environment Committee met on 3rd March.

Committee heard a report from the Deputy Chief Fire Officer about three person crew trials and the impact on response times. The head of Newcastle Fire Station also gave a report on the performance of the station and the recent rollout of the Home from Hospital initiative.

Committee received an update on the activities of the Staffordshire Health and Care Scrutiny Committee.

Councillors heard an update on the situation at Walleys Quarry including most recent data and the actions of the EA to cap off the site.

The Committee had a verbal update on the actions of the Parks Task and Finish Group and their initial work looking at play park provision.

Councillors heard a report about the Newcastle Town Centre Community Safety Partnership and its impact on reducing Anti-Social Behaviour.

The Committee received an update on the plans for Navigation House and were invited to tour the site.

The future work programme was discussed.

Cllr Rupert Adcock  
Chair

**Finance, Assets and Performance Scrutiny Committee**

The Committee met on 27 March to review the Council's corporate performance during the third quarter of 2024/25. The Committee also received and debated update reports on the Newcastle and Kidsgrove Town Deals and Future High Streets Funding; and the Commercial Strategy.

The Committee will meet again on 26 June.

Cllr Mark Holland  
Chair