



# Licensing and Regulatory Committee

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# Environmental Health

# Air Quality

- Air quality Annual Status Report (ASR) completed and submitted by 30 June 2024 to Defra
  - No current exceedances of air quality objectives
  - Sets out key actions for delivery in the coming year (completion of the school pilot project, fleet review, review of the impact following changes to incentivise low polluting taxis)
- Clean air day engagement with schools and via social media with positive reports and feedback



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## 2024 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR)

In fulfilment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995  
Local Air Quality Management, as amended by the  
Environment Act 2021

Date: 28 June 2024

# Air Quality Strategy



- As we have no air quality management areas in our Borough the government requires us to produce an Air Quality Strategy to:
  - Demonstrate our commitment to keeping pollutant concentrations below objective levels
  - Strengthen and integrate other objectives and strategies e.g. transport, planning and public health
  - Collaborate with neighbouring authorities to address shared sources of air pollution
  - Highlight air quality as an important issue, provide information to the public, reflect local priorities and align/join different organisations about relevant measures
- Indicative timescale
  - Consultation with the public and key partner organisations – October 2024
  - Interpretation of responses/results and follow up work – Nov/Dec 24
  - Preparation of report for consideration by the Licensing and Regulatory Committee – March 2025

# Environmental Health

- Food (Q1)
  - 28 inspections
  - 8 new businesses triaged with 38 new businesses left to do
  - General compliance at 90%
  - Very good 70%
  - Poor 3 premises
  - Slight backlog due to staff absence
  - 12 food and health and safety complaints received
- Welfare burials – 4 new cases
- Noise – 22 received
- Abandoned vehicles – 28 cases reported to investigate



# Environmental Health

- Funeral Directors review following case in Hull
- 8 visits carried out looking at following:
  - standards of hygiene
  - facility conditions and operational capability.
  - traceability and transparency measures in place
  - dignity and condition of deceased people in their care
  - pre-payment plans
- All satisfactory apart from 1 where improvements were suggested relating to facility conditions and suggestions to improve traceability of the deceased in their care
- Summary report to be provide back to government and through the Leicestershire Health Protection Board
- Professor Masson Snr Coroner for Leicester City and South Leicestershire, has requested a meeting to discuss Public Health Funerals, Body Storage, Freezer Space and the associated pressures these needs can create along with costs.



# Licensing

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- Hairdresser and then close contact services review 92 premise and personal registrations now issued.
- Pavement Licence rules now mad permanent – A licence permits the business to use furniture placed on the highway to sell or serve food or drink and/or allow it to be used by people for consumption of food or drink supplied from, or in connection with the use of the premises. Checks being made.
- Fees and charges updated
- Drivers' handbook being prepared
- Animal welfare inspections ongoing



# Licensing

## Q1 Licenses Processed

New and renewal vehicles	93
New and renewal drivers	54 (doubled since Q4)
New and renewal operators	1
<u>Street collections</u>	1
Small society lottery	2
House to house	3
Other licences	14
Licensing Act	18

# Private Sector Housing

# Energy Grants Projects

## LAD3

120% properties completed, 61.1% measures installed and spend at 167.27%

## HUG1

40% properties completed, 50% measures installed, 87.13% spend

Many Local Authorities struggled to deliver measures under HUG1 due to the demographic of their areas, as properties could only be funded under HUG 1 if they did not have access to mains gas. In addition, as a small authority, the statistics are based on a small sample size. For this project we projected installation into 10 properties and engaged with over 3,000 potentially suitable properties. A majority of the consortium faced similar challenges regardless of district size.

# Selective Licensing Scheme

Number of rented properties	839
Applications received	882
Number of exemptions, empty homes undergoing renovation	18
Licenses pending	24
Licenses issued	758
Licenses withdrawn	98
Income	£638,514
Enforcement cases	5 penalties served (£3,000 each) Notices of intent served 39

# Empty Homes

Working with Council Tax, the Housing Team and property owners to return empty homes back into use

46 actively engaging with us including one very long-term property owner

Service requests now at 77 and includes work to investigate tenant complaints, work relating to minimum energy efficiency standards and houses in multiple occupation

# Community Lottery



- Quarterly return submitted to the Gambling Commission
- Volunteer event planning underway for November evening
- Now raising approximately £12,480 per year for good causes in our area
- Number of tickets sold weekly 400
- Causes signed up 26