



# Licensing and Regulatory Committee

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# Environmental Health

# Air Quality



- As we have no air quality management areas in our Borough the government requires us to produce an Air Quality Strategy
- Consultation has commenced see link below
- [https://www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/consultations\\_and\\_surveys](https://www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/consultations_and_surveys)
- Timescale
  - Consultation with the public, members and key partner organisations – November 2024
  - Analysis of responses/results and follow up work – Dec 24/Jan 25
  - Preparation of report and strategy for consideration by the Licensing and Regulatory Committee – March 2025
- Parklands project
- CYCLOPS project, junction of A6 (start Sept 25)
  - Cycle Optimised Protected Signals (the first in Leicestershire)
- Launde primary school work
- Trial with secondary school possibility
  - (South Wigston High and Wigston Academy)
- Children and Young Peoples Group



# Environmental Health

- Food (Q2)
  - 19 inspections
  - FSA audit satisfactory
  - 6 new businesses triaged and 32 now require an inspection
  - General compliance at 91%
  - Very good 70% (rated 5)
  - 3 premises still poor standard
  - Slight backlog due to staff absence and other work demands
  - 22 food and health and safety complaints received – more detail to follow



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## Complaints

### Examples

1. Report of illness after eating a takeaway.
2. A new food business.
3. Complaints about a food business.
4. Food Complaints





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- Health and safety complaint



# Environmental health

- Welfare burials – no new cases. We have met with the Senior Coroner, Professor Mason to review our practices and understand the coroner's role
- Covid case pleaded guilty and awaiting sentence
- Developed the use of the noise app to help investigate noise complaints
- Apprentice role
- Abandoned vehicles – many cases reported to investigate, lifted 2 vehicles
- Work in default – agreed £50 per hour/part hour charge for officer time plus 40% on contractor costs
- Fly tipping cases
- Fly posting investigation and action



# Licensing



# Licensing

- Hairdresser and then close contact services review complete with 101 premise and personal registrations now issued.
- Pavement Licence rules now made permanent and fees and charges updated
- Drivers' handbook being prepared
- 20 spot checks on taxi drivers. 8 interviews have followed, and penalty points issued. 4 vehicles suspended due to MOT failures
- Animal welfare inspections and licensed premises ongoing

# Licensing

## Q1 licenses processed

New and renewal vehicles	102
New and renewal drivers	58
New and renewal operators	0
Street collections	1
Small society lottery	0
House to house	3
Other licences	8 (5 are animal welfare)
Licensing Act	21

# Private sector housing

# Energy grants projects

- Successfully delivering the SHDF – measures installed into 72 properties so far
- New grants announced by new government
  - Warm homes: Local grant – this will replace the previous LAD and HUG schemes. Proposed to last for 3-5 years
  - Warm homes: Social homes – this will replace the SHDF will mirror the existing and to run until 2028

# Selective Licensing Scheme

Number of rented properties	840
Applications received	888
Number of exemptions, empty homes undergoing renovation	14
Licenses pending	22
Licenses issued	765
Licenses withdrawn	101
Income	£644,924.01
Enforcement cases	5 penalties served (£3,000 each) currently with the legal team



# Other work

- Still working on retuning empty homes back into use.
- Service requests now at 100 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 29 November
- Now raising approximately £12,168 per year for good causes in our area
- Number of tickets sold weekly 382
- Causes signed up 27