



Licensing and Regulatory Committee

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the place to be

Environmental Health

Food safety and hygiene

FSA post Covid recovery plan now completed

Food service plan 23/24 agreed by Committee in June
2023

Food inspection focus on high risk with low-risk backlog
continuing (170 in total)

New businesses triaged and risk rated

Compliance rate above 90% (375 businesses registered)

Gas safety inspections now taking place

20 food-based complaints handled in the last two months

Sampling programme recommenced as part of a national
programme

Public Health

Welfare Burials still continue

Infectious disease notifications for example salmonella,
campylobacter and giardia

Air quality

Live Air Quality Data <https://www.ukairquality.net/>

Blaby Road partnership project with schools, colleges, primary care and public health to commence now schools are back

23 measurement devices and 3 'live' stations/sensors now in use

Annual status report submitted to Defra

Polluting processes regulated

Environmental Protection

Abandoned vehicles, bonfires, waste reports (fly tipping, littering) and noise complaints

Part of the Countywide fly tipping and littering campaign

Dog warden services partnership

Midland mainline electrification project

Duty of care campaign for small businesses

Licensing

Taxi licencing – 236 Hackney carriages, private hire,
combined driver and operator licenses issued in quarter
one

Premise licenses – 42 processed in Q1

Animal welfare – 5 inspections completed in Q1

Street and house to house inspections – 12 processed in
Q1

System improvements continue in the background to
streamline our application and processing processes

A review of all our premises licenses is ongoing to ensure they all up to date and appropriate payments are being made. This will be followed by a review of all our hairdressers and barbers.

Enforcement work – 20 investigations carried out which have led to points being placed on a drivers taxi combined licence. 8 PACE interviews completed. Successfully defended a driver licence refusal at the Magistrates Court

Private sector housing

Energy grants projects

Project	Funding Awarded	Narrative	Suitable Properties	Number of properties	Number of measures	Status
LAD2	£305,200	£100,00 underspend due to rising cost of material post pandemic	Private with mains gas	21	26	Closed
LAD3	£528,000	Due to successful delivery £327,000 funding secured from consortium underspend	As LAD2	45	77	Ongoing until Sept 2023
Better care fund	£150,000	Funding from Lightbulb to spend along with LAD3	Used with both on and off gas properties	18	20	Until funding exhausted/closure of LAD3 and HUG1
HUG1	£55,000	£6,500 underspend	Private without gas (owned or rented)	4	5	Closure in progress
HUG2	£335,000	Awaiting approval of submitted project plan	As HUG1	TBC	TBC	Awaiting approval
Social decarbonisation fund	£579,500	Awaiting formal award confirmation	Council owned stock	128 forecast	TBC	Awaiting approval

These programmes are designed to fund energy efficiency measures such as cavity wall insulation, loft insulation, solar panels and external wall insulation for households who are on low income.

Property licensing

Q4	Licenses issued	Income
Number of rented properties - 822	Pending – 112	£601,864
Number of applications received - 822	Issued – 685	
Number of Exemptions – 3 Number of empty properties – 12	Withdrawn – 32	

Empty homes

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

Was 132 now down to 63

Community Lottery

First draw on 5 August 2023

Now raising approximately £18,501 per year for good causes

Number of tickets sold 508

Supporters 267

Causes signed up 17