

Chairman - Councillor A P Edgeller

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

A D Hobbs

P A Leason

B McKeown

L Nixon

M Phillips

S N Spencer

J Thorley

Also in attendance:- Councillor I D Fordham - Cabinet Member,  
Environment Portfolio  
County Councillor Antonia Orlandi-Fantini

Officers in attendance:-

A Nevin	-	Head of Wellbeing
J Presland	-	Head of Operations
L Booth	-	Streetscene Manager
J Allen	-	Democratic Services Officer

Before the meeting commenced, County Councillor Antonia Orlandi-Fantini was welcomed to the meeting.

#### **CWB1 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2025, as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record.

#### **CWB2 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J T Rose (substituted by Councillor S N Spencer).

Apologies were also received from C Royall, Waste and Commercial Services Manager.

#### **CWB3 Councillor M Phillips - Update from Task and Finish Working Group**

Councillor M Phillips provided an update from the Task and Finish Working Group - Food Waste Collections, highlighting the salient points:

Newcastle Borough Council representatives had delivered a presentation regarding the successes and challenges faced during the 15 years they have collected food waste.

Importance of communications was highlighted, including social media, national communications, leaflets and involvement with schools.

A lengthy discussion had taken place regarding the use of caddy liners.

Officers had been tasked with contacting other authorities regarding the use of caddy liners. Community groups were to be contacted also. A further meeting of the Task and Finish Working Group will take place when this information has been received.

Head of Operations suggested a visit to a local plant take place to understand the process.

It was noted that the caddies have been procured.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the contents of the verbal update be noted.

**CWB4 Councillor A P Edgeller - Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Draft Minutes of the County Council's Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3 March 2025 were circulated with the agenda.

It was note that there had been a meeting of the Committee since 3 March which mainly covered training for new County Councillors.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the draft minutes be noted.

**CWB5 End of Year Performance Report for 2024-25**

Head of Wellbeing and Head of Operations provided responses to queries from the report.

It was noted that Freedom Leisure and Stafford Borough Council had worked together to formulate a series of delivery plans for 2025/26 through which contract performance would be measured at the end of the current financial year.

The Cabinet Member (Environment) informed the Committee that inspections of food businesses was back on track following a shortage of staff.

*Councillor S N Spencer left the meeting at this point (8pm).*

RESOLVED:- that:

- (a) in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the contents of the report be noted.

- (b) Head of Operations and Streetscene Manager to contact the Allotment Committee about vacant plots.
- (c) Tree Management portal demonstration to be given to the Scrutiny Committee prior to its December meeting

**CWB6 Business Planning Report**

The report of the Head of Law and Governance was noted.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the report be noted and submitted to Council on 22 July 2025.

**CWB7 Work Programme**

Considered a report presenting the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's work programme.

A discussion took place regarding working with the County Council on advertising of food in relation to obesity and diabetes. The County Councillor stated that she would be discussing a three-tier policy currently in operation outside of Staffordshire with the ICB. It was noted that there could be a role for a planning policy regarding advertising.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the work programme be noted.

CHAIR