

## REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

16 May 2013

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors Derrick (Chairman), Yeates (Vice Chairman), Mrs Barnett, Mrs Bacon, Mrs Constable, Constable, Drinkwater, Heath, Powell, Salter, Taylor, Mrs Tranter and Warfield.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Inspector J. White (Staffordshire Police) and Councillor Greatorex (Portfolio Holder for Community, Housing and Environmental Health).

**(APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors Mrs Eagland and Smedley)

### **14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

### **15 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2013, as printed and previously circulated were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the agreed grammatical changes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2013, as printed and previously circulated were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **16 THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS OF THE REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Members were advised of their role in context of the wide range of responsibilities for functions of the Regulatory and Licensing Committee and the Licensing and Consents Appeals Committee. The Chairman suggested that all Members of the Committee should receive training in order to allow them to be part of the Panel on Licensing and Consent appeal hearings.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

### **17 THE CONTROL OF DOGS IN PARKS**

Members considered the issues associated with introducing further measures to control dogs which are being exercised within the Council's public parks. The Strategic Director for Community Housing and Health introduced the report followed by The Greens and Open Spaces Strategic Manager and The Environmental Health Manager who briefed Members on the current legislation for the control of dogs and also the Fouling of Land by Dogs Order approved by the Council in 2009.

A lengthy debate followed during which a number of Members expressed the view that more controls were needed. Members concluded that the best way forward was for the subject to be scrutinised in detail.

**RECOMMENDED: 1)** That the report be referred to both Community Housing and Environmental Health (Overview and Scrutiny) and Operational Services, Leisure, Tourism and Communications (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee for detailed consideration.

**2)** The findings to be reported back to the Committee at a later date.

**18 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – REPORT OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES FOR 2012/13**

Members were advised Key Service Activities and Outcomes for Environmental Health Service functions for the financial year 2012/13. Members were reminded that the outcomes were reported on a regular basis as part of the service planning and management process.

**RESOLVED:** That that the key Environmental Health outcomes are noted.

(COUNCILLOR MRS TRANTER DECLARED A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE TAXI BUSINESS DUE TO HER HUSBAND'S OCCUPATION AS A TAXI DRIVER.)

**19 WORK PROGRAMME**

Members considered the Work Programme.

**RESOLVED:** That the Work Programme be noted.

(The meeting closed at 7.23 pm)

CHAIRMAN