

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PORTFOLIO  
COUNCILLOR H J FACCIIO****Report to Council – 13 December 2023****Environmental Protection/Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**Enforcement

Community Protection Warnings – 4  
Community Protection Notices – 3  
Abatement Notice – 4

Prosecution file submitted – Breach of Criminal Behaviour Order  
Air Quality Report submission feedback

**Food Safety and Infectious Disease Control**

Ongoing food hygiene inspection programme – on track to meet the yearly inspection plan. A small number of overdue visits caused by holidays and other urgent work.

The turnover of businesses and number of new food businesses continues to impact on the team. A total of 29 new food business registration forms received in last two months. Many of these are home caterers so it is believed that the cost of living crisis is resulting in many people trying to find additional income streams.

Ongoing involvement in E. Coli cases and Officers have spent considerable time following up on particular cases, dropping off sample pots and following up on laboratory results.

**Animal and Special Treatments Licensing**

General licensing – Two Special treatment renewals, five new Special Treatment licences and two new Registration applications for a tattooist and a body piercer.

Three interim animal licensing inspections were carried out and the team is in the final stages of licensing two new home dog boarders.

Official warning issued to an individual who is suspected of undertaking home dog boarding without a licence.

Ongoing investigations into illegal dog breeding.

Warrant executed in relation to an unlicensed kennels. The Police and RSPCA also attended. This is being followed up with a prosecution under Animal Welfare Act 2006.

**Joint Working with Other Agencies**

Joint operation with Trading Standards and Police to search for illicit tobacco at convenience store. Nothing found on this occasion but will assist Trading Standards in the future as and when they have an operation in Broxtowe.

Presentation/training session given to PDSA nurses and veterinarians at the PDSA Animal Hospital in Nottingham highlighting the work of the team in licensing animal activities and investigating unlicensed dog breeders.

**Licensing**

There have been 5 pub watches attended across the Borough.

120 taxi drivers have received their safeguarding refresher training another 30 will be done in December.

East midlands Airport taxi operation took place in October - 114 Taxi's checked which included 3 Broxtowe Borough Council registered taxis.

Licences issued (12.9.2023 to 06.11.2023)

2 new Personal Licences

34 Temporary Event Notices

5 Designated premises Supervisor Variations

2 Minor Premises Variations

4 Premises transfers

2 Full Variations

**Operation Night Angel**

Broxtowe Borough Council Licensing and ASB Officer, Police Licensing Officer and Eastwood Beat Team went out on the evening of 13 October 2023. 13 Licensed premises were compliance checked. One Licensed premise was found to be in breach after several previous warnings and will be issued with a Police Section 19 Order they have 7 days to comply or a Closure Order will be issued. Three Broxtowe Borough Council licensed Taxis were found not to have their driver badge on display a warning was issued. This operation is being rolled out in all areas of the Borough on the run up to Christmas.

Operation Night Angel was delivered in Stapleford when 13 venues checked and 1 section 19 statement was issued for non-compliance with CCTV.

9 joint visits with police licensing officer to venues regarding issues such as incidents report to police over the weekends.

Operation Night Angel will again be delivered on 1 December 2023 in Beeston targeting licensed premises, weapon carrying and the night time economy. A multi-district taxi operation will be undertaken in the City before Christmas. The licensing officer will be delivering evening and weekend patrols in the run up to Christmas.

### Multi Agency Taxi Inspections

On 3 October 2023, The Licensing Enforcement Officer attended East Midlands Airport Multi Agency Taxi enforcement initiative where 114 vehicles were inspected. General issues identified with the licensed vehicles were cleanliness, lights inoperative, no spare wheel/inflation kits and tyres close to legal limits. Advice was given to the drivers of the vehicles by Enforcement Officers.



Seven drivers did not have their Hackney Carriage/Private hire driver's licences with them. Therefore, checks were carried out at the time with the relevant licensing authority to ensure they had the correct licences in place and their identity also checked by the Police.

Two issues referred to North West Leicestershire to investigate further, one minibus being operated by a local hotel, currently no driver's/vehicle or operator's licenses in place and possible non-compliance with insurance and a licensed driver who stated had retired, (drivers licence still current) who had let their vehicle and operator's licence lapse observed carrying paying passengers.

Four Broxtowe Borough Council Taxis were checked and one of our drivers was found not to be carrying his badge and a first aid kit as part of his conditions of licence.

New Taxi Licences issued between (12.9.2023 to 6.11.2023) include five new vehicle licences and five new driver badges.

### **ASB**

The ASB team continue to hold regular ASB multi agency meetings to swiftly and effectively resolve anti-social behaviour cases where a multi-agency response is required.

Active community engagement is a cornerstone of the ASB team's approach and they will be attending the disabilities event in Stapleford on 30 November to deliver crime prevention advice. They also participated in the Green Space event in Eastwood on Coronation Park providing crime prevention advice and Bike Marking to deter potential bike thieves.

The countywide ASB Taskforce has been meeting regularly to review ASB delivery across the county identifying

An application for a community trigger has been received and a panel is planned for 06 December to review the case.

The ASB team plans to unite with the Police in the coming months to address crime and ASB issues within the night-time economy.

### **Broxtowe Crime Reduction Plan**

The recently merged and approved Broxtowe Crime Reduction Plan (BCRP) is actively implementing comprehensive actions across the entire borough in a proactive move to address the root causes.

The ASB team will restart local primary and secondary school's interventions from November onwards to deliver informative talks on anti-social behaviour and crime, aiming to educate children about the associated dangers. By fostering awareness and understanding at an early age, the team seeks to contribute to a safer and more informed community with a focus on ASB and community safety.

### **Darker Nights**

The 2023 Darker Nights Campaign has been delivered through social media to raise awareness of crime types which are more prevalent during the run up to Christmas and the winter months.

### **Domestic Abuse**

White Ribbon Campaign objectives have all been met for 2023 and we are on target to complete all actions on the white ribbon action plan before the end of our accreditation period. We are working in partnership with Broxtowe Women's Project to develop or respective White Ribbon Action Plans for 2023-26 to support the process for reaccreditation will start once we receive communication from White Ribbon Headquarters on how to proceed.

We are currently delivering events and awareness raising for the White Ribbon 16 days of action and we recently held a flag raising event which was very successful with increased attendance on previous years, several other events will be delivered over the period in line with our organisational aims.

Broxtowe will be taking over the completion of sanctuary property assessments from the Police moving forward and staff have been trained to the appropriate qualification standard to carry this out. Once the coursework and assessments required have been returned as successful we will finalise taking over the process from the Police.

### **Violence**

Broxtowe is an active member of the Serious Violence Duty Implementation Group and is currently meeting all targets required to meet the Duty in January. The readiness assessment has been completed and South Notts Community Safety Partnership (CSP) have developed a response plan which will be approved by the South Notts CSP in December.