

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2022**

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“How much have the costs to NWLDC been to clear sites up after traveller trespass?”

**REPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR A WOODMAN TO COUNCILLOR J GEARY**

“Council services in the form of housing, car parking, street cleansing, parks and property have not historically collected this data but will be doing so henceforth starting with the most recent trespass onto council land at Silver Street Car Park. Listed below are the incidents over the past five years.”

Date	Site location
10 May 2018	Coalville Park London Road Coalville
24 Jun 2018	Greenhill Park Cropston Drive Coalville
30 Jun 2018	A511 Stephenson Way Coalville
31 Jul 2018	Recreation Ground Ashburton Road Hugglescote
02 Aug 2018	Hermitage Leisure Centre Silver St Whitwick
17 Oct 2018	Bridge Street Car Park Coalville
08 May 2019	Covert Place Albert Village
06 Jun 2019	Hermitage Leisure Centre and Recreation Ground Whitwick Coalville
08 Sep 2019	Bridge Road Car Park Coalville
10 Sep 2019	A5324 Ashby Road Long Whatton
12 Oct 2019	Bridge Road Car Park Coalville
21 Oct 2019	Car Park Cropston Drive Greenhill Coalville
25 Oct 2019	NWLDC Visitor Car Park London Road Coalville
13 Nov 2019	Bridge Street Car Park Coalville
14 Nov 2019	Cropston Drive Coalville
21 Nov 2019	Bridge Road Car Park Coalville
07 Jun 2020	Scotland's Playing Fields Car Park Forest Road Coalville
17 Aug 2020	Hermitage Leisure Centre Silver St Whitwick
10 Sep 2020	Hermitage Leisure Centre Playing Fields Hermitage Road Whitwick
23 Dec 2020	Rear Car Park Covert Place Albert Village
06 May 2021	Garage Site Coronation Avenue Moira
14 Jun 2021	Recreation Ground Cropston Drive Coalville
05 Sep 2021	Waterworks Road Coalville
28 Oct 2022	Hermitage Leisure Centre Silver Street Whitwick

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### **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

#### **QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR J LEGRYS TO COUNCILLOR R ASHMAN**

“I am struggling to keep myself informed of staff movement due to promotion, resignation/retirement, joint working with another LA or internal move. I am aware that the Council have employed consultants/agency staff in many unfilled posts.

I would appreciate if the Portfolio Holder could provide regular updates on staff changes please.

I would like to know which posts are filled by consultants/agency employees, & the number of unfilled posts?”

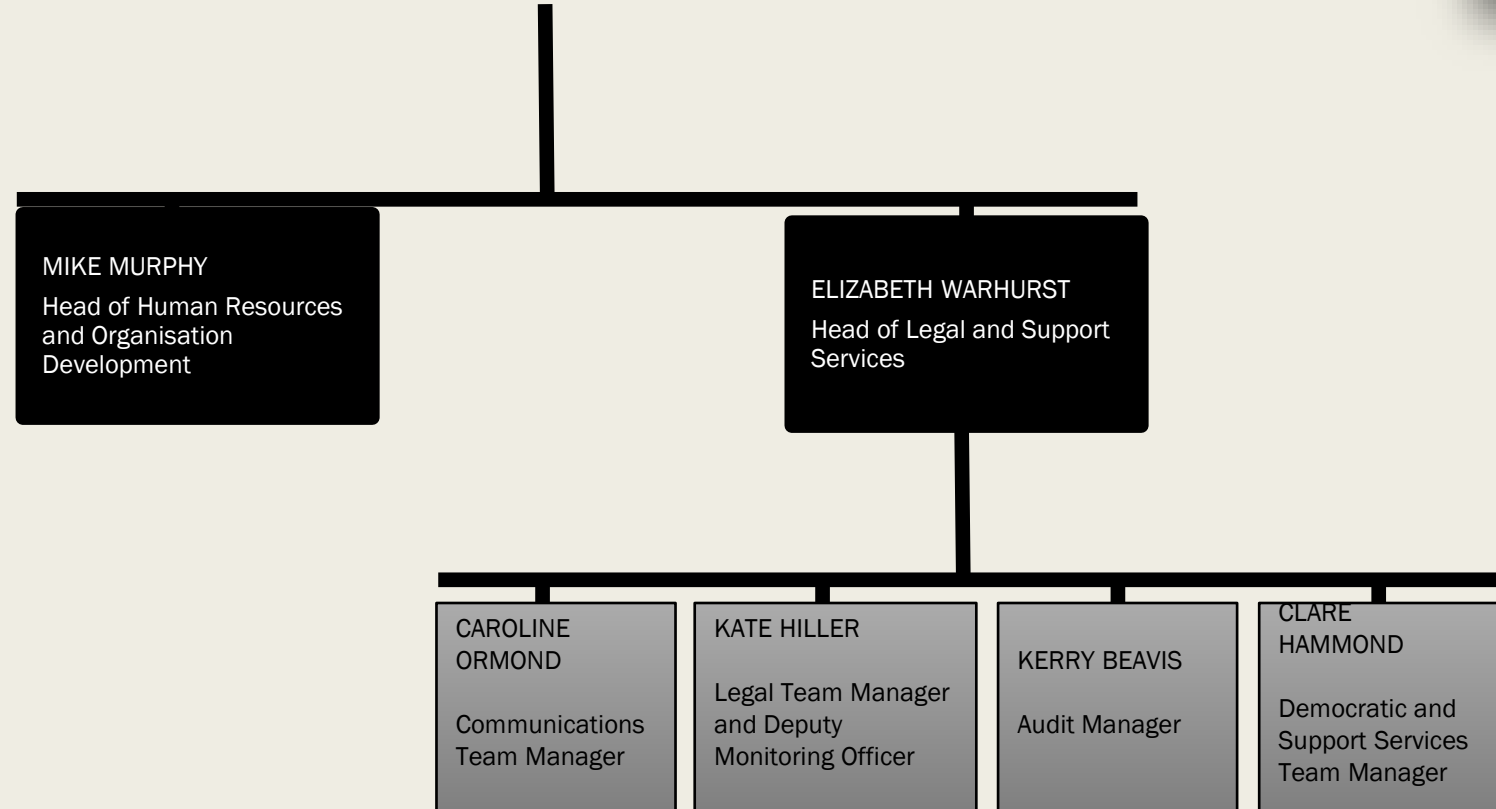
#### **REPOSENSE FROM COUNCILLOR R ASHMAN TO COUNCILLOR J LEGRYS**

“An updated copy of the current management structure to team manager level with names has been added to the members hub for information. This also indicates the posts at those levels currently occupied by consultants/agency staff. It is always our preference to employ people directly as a first option, but when this has not been possible we do use interims and consultants to support the Council’s operations. Currently, all posts in the management structure to team manager level are either filled by a permanent member of staff or an interim worker .

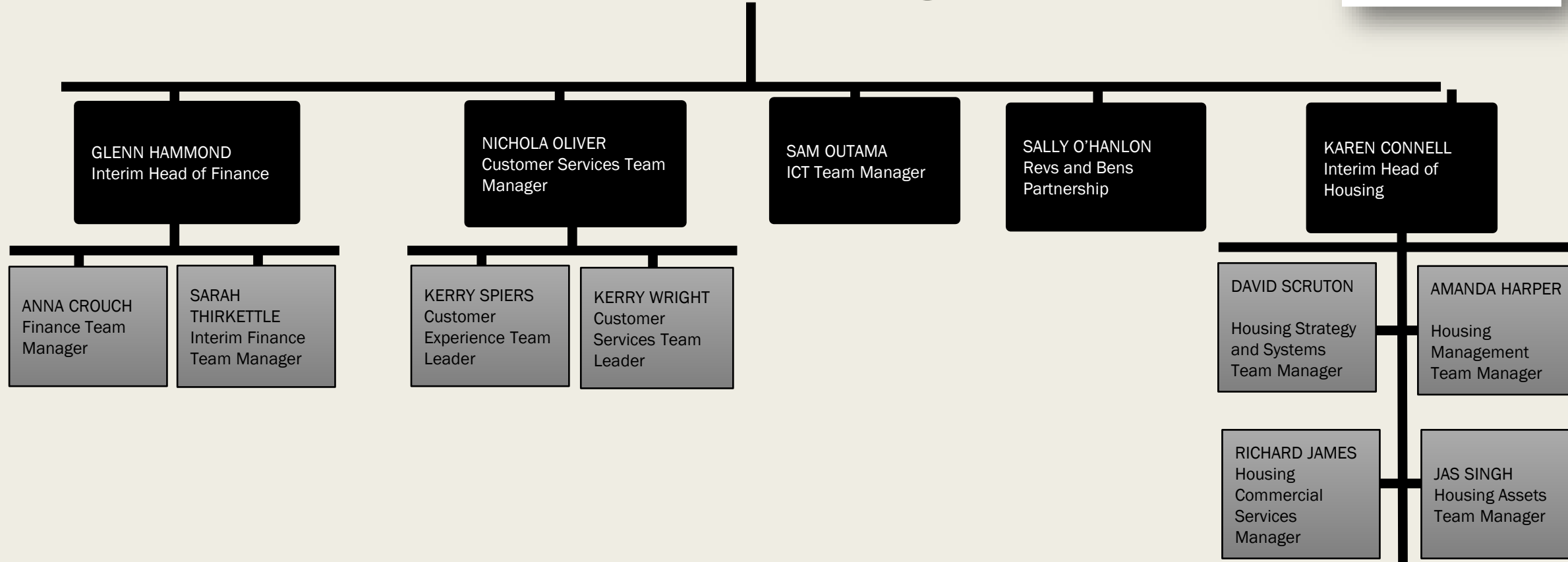
Updates on key staff changes are regularly added to the members hub to help members to keep up-to-date.”

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# Heads of Service and Team Managers (Under Allison Thomas Chief Executive)

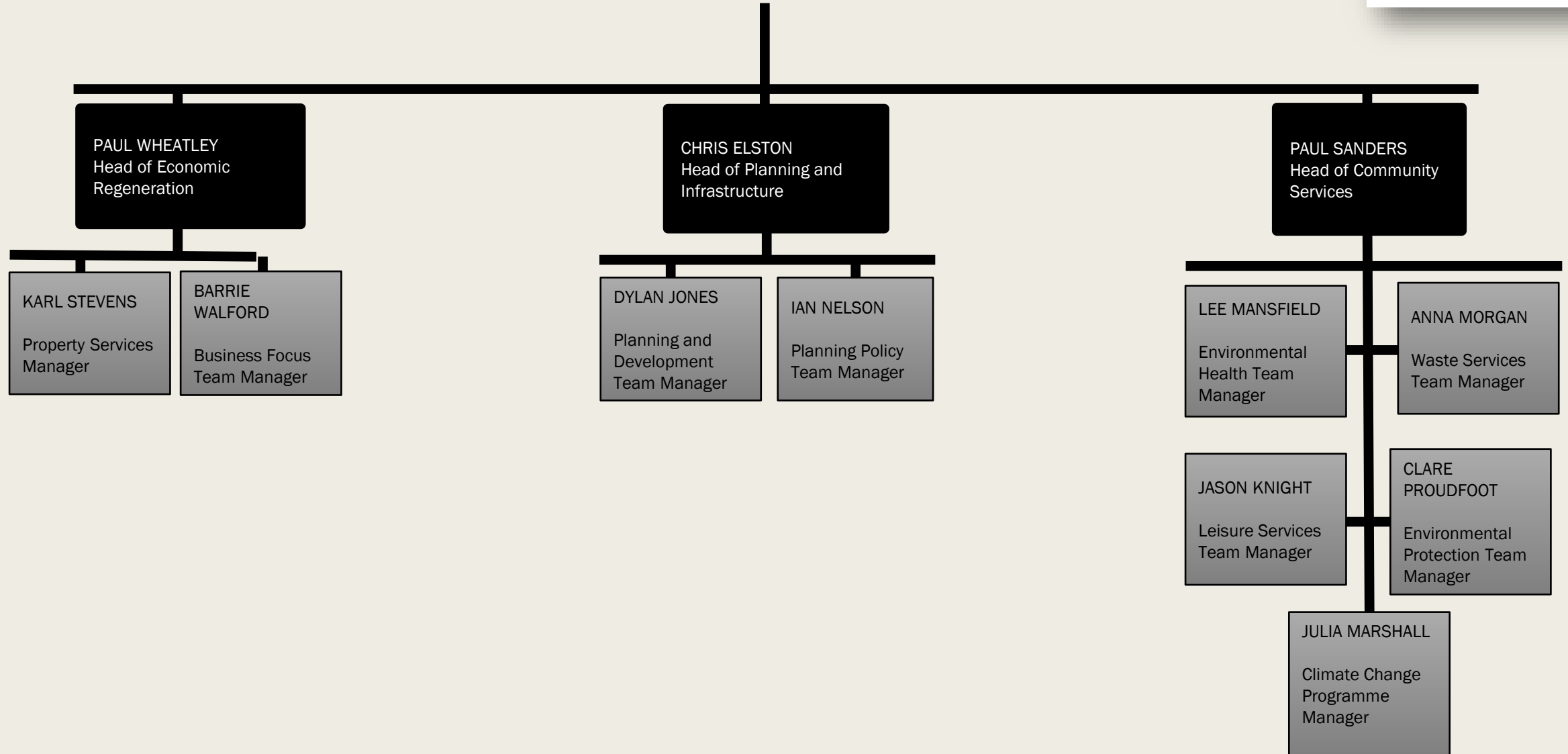


# Heads of Service and Team Managers (Under Andy Barton Strategic Director)





# Heads of Service and Team Managers (Under James Arnold)



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### **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

#### **QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR C SEWELL TO COUNCILLOR K MERRIE**

“I would like to ask this Council to liaise more closely with LCC Highways to change conditions surrounding parking provision required for planning applications, both new builds and change of use for domestic properties: i.e. change of use to HMOs where no, or insufficient parking exists.

My understanding is that Leicestershire County Council Highways will only object on the grounds of ‘safety’ and my own personal experience is that shortfall in parking spaces is not considered to be a ground for refusal for an application, although it does indeed make the highway less safe, e.g. parking close to junctions and on corners, thus reducing visibility. Also, residents are being greatly inconvenienced when refuse/recycling cannot be collected due to parked cars blocking access.

What can this Council do about this?”

#### **RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR K MERRIE TO COUNCILLOR C SEWELL**

“I am aware that the Council’s Head of Planning and Infrastructure has been in contact with Leicestershire County Council (LCC) Highways about this matter and they have confirmed that they currently do not have any standards covering parking requirements for HMO’s although they do now rely on information from the 2021 census, which includes evidence for HMO’s for the first time. As such, they will consider each application on its own merits and will advise whether the proposals will have an adverse impact on highway safety. They will also consider the advice contained in Paragraph 111 of the National Planning Policy Framework which states that “Development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe”.

I can assure you that where issues are raised by the Parish Council and neighbouring residents, the Council’s Planning Officers will challenge LCC Highways on the response they have given. Ultimately, if there is no objection on highway grounds from the Council’s professional advisors, this is the position officers will need to take account of when making a decision or recommendation on the application.

However, I am aware that LCC Highways are in the process of reviewing the Leicestershire Highway Design Guide, which includes parking standards, and the Council’s Planning Team will be invited to feed into this process at which time they can raise the issue of on street parking resulting from HMO’s and the need to consider whether parking standards for these types of property is appropriate.”

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#### **QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR S SHEAHAN TO COUNCILLOR A WOODMAN**

“In October, the BBC published figures about hazardous faults in private rented properties. The BBC had asked Councils in England how many hazards (category 1 or 2) they had recorded in the last 5 years.

Of the 60% of councils analysed, a total of 135,687 hazards were recorded, including 42,654 category one hazards - deemed to pose an immediate risk to safety.

In the same period, formal action was only taken by councils on 25,243 occasions, while less than 1% of the registered faults led to a prosecution.

What are the corresponding figures for this Council?”

#### **RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR A WOODMAN TO COUNCILLOR S SHEAHAN**

“For the period between 1 April 2021 and the end of October 2022, I can confirm that there have been no formal notices served. However, I would highlight that during this period the Council received and investigated 172 housing standards’ complaints, which have resulted in works being carried out by landlords of the properties, whilst others have resulted in advice to the tenants. All the investigations are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Housing Act 2004 and the Council’s General Enforcement Policy and follow a graduated approach to enforcement and engagement with landlords. The vast majority of cases are resolved informally through discussion and negotiation with the landlord. The rare exception to this is where officers find Category 1 hazards where there is imminent risk to life. In these circumstances, we would either serve an emergency prohibition notice or a normal prohibition notice.”

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