

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MONDAY 4 MARCH, 2019 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Cooper, Miss. J.(Chairman)
Smith, C.D. (Vice-Chairman)

Buttery, M.S.	Johnson, T.B.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Lyons, Miss. O.
Crabtree, S.K.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Freeman, Miss. M.A.	Tait, Ms. L.
Grice, Mrs. D.	

22. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Jackie Owen, Healthwatch and Staffordshire, County Councillor P. Hewitt.

23. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restrictions on Voting by Members and Party Whip Declarations

No declarations of interests in additions to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members Interests were made.

24. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 January, 2019 be approved as a correct record.

25. Update – Healthwatch Staffordshire

It was reported that the Healthwatch representative was unable to attend the meeting; however Members had received the Healthwatch Staffordshire update report for November, 2018 to February, 2019 and were given the opportunity to discuss the Update.

Learning Disabilities Day Services

Members were pleased to see that the previous comments made by the Committee had been taken into account and feedback from service users was positive.

Young People

A Member expressed concern with the limited resources and funding many schools received in helping disadvantaged families, and the time commitments for teachers with the challenging issues they were faced with. Many of those challenges centred on the health and social wellbeing of very young people.

It was reported that County Councillors J. McMahon and D. Davis were currently making visits to various Staffordshire schools engaging with young people and teachers regarding health related matters.

A Member asked that a representative from Staffs County Council Education Department be invited to a future meeting to discuss what funding and help schools were receiving.

26. Update – Staffordshire County Council’s Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee

The Chairman reported that the Digest for the meeting held on 4 February, 2019 had been circulated to Members for information and details of other meetings were available on the County Council’s website.

A Member commented that the care his family member had recently received at Stafford Hospital was outstanding and thanked the hospital staff for their support.

A Member also expressed concern that many people were not taking up offers of screening, in particular around cancer screening and questioned how people could be encouraged to take this up.

27. Quarter 3 2018-19 Improving Community Wellbeing (Health, Culture and Sport) Priority Delivery Plan Update

Consideration was given to the Quarter 3 2018-19 Improving Community Wellbeing (Health, Culture and Sport) Priority Delivery Plan Update (Item 6.1 – 6.5 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles provided information to Members on the Quarter 3 Priority Delivery Plan Update.

In response to a question raised by a Member concerning the cycling scheme, he advised that a container had been delivered to the stadium site and it was the intention now to rollout the cycling programme in 2019-20. A Member asked where the cycles used in Cannock Park were stored. The Officer agreed to clarify this with Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles (IHL).

A Member referred to the presentation given at the last meeting from Angela Schulp, Strategic Delivery Manager, Staffs County Council and was keen to

receive the 'Health In All Policies' document.

In response to this the Food, Safety and Licensing Manager reported that the document had originally been produced by the LGA and would ask the Senior Committee Officer to circulate this information to Members.

28. Obesity Review – Update and Next Steps

The Senior Committee Officer had previously circulated the Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Review that was considered at the Committee on 19 November, 2018.

The Chairman referred to the Scope of the Review/Terms of Reference and outlined the following questions:

Question 1: What is the scale of obesity in Cannock Chase?

She asked if Members were happy with the information that they had received in respect of this.

Members were happy with the information they had received.

Question 2: What actions are partners taking in Cannock Chase to address this issue and how are they monitored and how effective are they?

The Chairman reported that presentations had been received from both Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles and Public Health (Staffs County Council) which covered both the levels and reasons for obesity in the District.

Members discussed the levels of activity within schools, some of which included the 'daily mile' walk, walks and swimming, with these activities being supported through the school. It was identified that some support was required from Public Health in order for schools to provide more activities for children as part of leading a healthy lifestyle.

Members were keen to know what role Public Health played in helping schools provide activities for young children and information on nutrition. They also asked that County Councillors J. McMahon and D. Davis be invited to a future meeting.

The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles suggested that it may be worth looking at the work undertaken by Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles with other Local Authorities. Members also suggested that there may be relevant data which would provide some insight into those who may have received some help and found the service positive.

Question 3: Are there any issues that the District Council need to consider to support existing and future action on obesity in the District?

The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles was keen to ensure that the review had been covered given the complexity of the wide ranging issues involved. The issues/questions posed through this section by Members would be forwarded to both Public Health and Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles for their

comments.

Members discussed the need for information to be provided in user friendly formats for those with certain disabilities. They also commented that signposting of certain services could be improved in order that the correct services were accessed by people.

The Food, Safety and Licensing Manager referred to the 'Health In All Policies' document where a number of comments were made by Members around producing a framework, information around poor health outcomes for Cannock Chase, how obesity issues were dealt with at Stafford Borough Council and other Staffordshire Local Authorities.

It was reported that the Committee had been made aware in the Public Health presentation given at its January meeting, of the Health In All Policies document produced by the LGA which explains how Local Authorities and partners can address the social determinants of health and reduce health inequalities.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That Officers write to Public Health (Staffs) and Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles to seek clarification on a number of points raised following the presentations previously received by the Committee.
- (B) That Cabinet at a future meeting receive a report for consideration on the Health in All Policies document.
- (C) That a future Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee be asked to consider inviting Staffordshire County Council Councillors, representatives from the Education department and Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles to present further details of their respective work to tackle obesity.

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 4.50 pm