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25. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Ms. V. Tolliss, Policy Team, Cannock Chase Council.

26. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Bernard, J.D.	Item 8 – Local Plan Part 1 Treasurer, Heath Hayes Football Club	Personal and Prejudicial

27. Notes

The Notes of the meeting held on 11 December, 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

28. Questions for Staffordshire Police

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Chris Ellerton and PC Dean Cooper, Staffordshire Police to the meeting.

Uninsured Vehicles

A member of the public referred to information he had recently received from Neighbourhood Watch concerning uninsured vehicles and asked if the Police would be making routine checks using ANPR (automatic number plate recognition).

Inspector C. Ellerton reported that checks would be taking place over the next few weeks and ANPR would be used. He explained that any information received from organisations would be acted upon and used as the use of uninsured vehicles was taken seriously.

29. Questions for Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation trust

The Chairman welcomed Julie Hendry, Director of Quality and Patient Experience and Jane King, Non Executive Director, Mid-Staffs NHS Foundation Trust to the meeting.

Julie Hendry explained that she would be updating the Forum in respect of the Care Quality Commission visit, the Mid-Staffs Public Enquiry Robert Francis Report and Trust Special Administration.

She reported that hospitals were assessed against the Care Quality Commission standards each year and a series of visits were undertaken on 1, 4 and 5 February, 2013 at Stafford Hospital to see if care services were meeting the standards. In total 55 patients were interviewed and 44 members of staff on the first day. The final outcome was that the Hospital was given a positive report on each of the standards.

Julie Hendry advised that the inquiry final report into Mid-Staffs was published on 5 February, 2013. The Chairman Robert Francis QC made 290 recommendations which would change the care culture across the NHS, although Stafford Hospital had already been working towards the recommendations.

She explained that the report suggested that the Care Quality Commission become the main regulator with regard to policing standards and obligations set out under the recommendations. With this in mind she advised that a number of forums with staff, and patient groups would be established and a detailed list would be forwarded to Robert Francis QC outlining the steps taken by the Trust to implement the recommendations made in the report.

Jane King reported that the organisation Monitor had found the Trust in breach of its authorisation. It was found that the Trust was not clinically or financially sustainable in the long term in its current form, although operationally it was. Therefore Monitor at its Board meeting agreed to appoint Trust Special Administrators who would work towards a plan for public consultation based on the Contingency Planning Team's proposals.

She reported that concern had been expressed with regard to changes to services such as maternity care and the impact on care provision for those in Cannock and Stafford using other hospitals. The view of the Board was that it was important to engage with people particularly with regard to any form of consultation which may take place.

Julie Hendry and Jane King were then happy to take questions from the public.

In response to a question raised by a local resident, Jane King advised that a lot of changes throughout the NHS were required to change the way hospitals were over administered and under managed within the service. In response to this Julie Hendry referred to Mid-Staffs and explained that one of the priorities was to implement a robust IT system over the next few years as in previous years there was no funding in place for Stafford or Cannock Hospitals and both hospitals were lacking in terms of development compared with other Trusts.

With regard to a question raised around Cannock and Stafford Hospitals not being clinically sustainability, Jane King expanded and advised that the current range of services provided was not sustainable and the level of staffing was not sufficient to meet requirements of emergency surgery in the long term which would mean the public travelling to other hospitals. It was important to try and see what networking could be undertaken in order to minimise the distance people were travelling.

Those present referred to the closure of the A&E department at Stafford Hospital and the need for it to be open especially in light of the number of families that may come to the region from the MOD over the next 18 months. Julie Hendry advised that as of 1 April, 2013 the Clinical Commissioning Groups would need to be lobbied and staff at Stafford Hospital were also expressing their concerns.

In response to a question raised by a local Ward Member, Jane King reported that there had recently been an issue raised concerning mortgage providers unwilling to accept applications from those employed at Stafford Hospital due to the current situation around Trust Special Administrators being appointed. She explained that the situation around Administrators was very different from that within the private sector and the Trust would be communicating with mortgage lenders in response to this.

A Member of the public asked when both Stafford and Cannock Hospitals would close. Jane King advised that neither hospital should close although all services did not have to be provided at the same sites with some services being provided by other local providers.

30. Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service

It was reported that no questions had been submitted for Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service.

31. Questions for Staffordshire County (Highways)

It was reported that no questions had been submitted for Staffordshire County (Highways).

32. Local Plan Part 1

(The Chairman having declared a personal and prejudicial interest left the meeting whilst this item was discussed).

The following questions were submitted by local resident Mr. J. Deans:-

- A. Local Plan Part 1: Publication
Consultation Statement February 2013 page 146 (4.13.4)
Last line; request for removal of Heath Hayes Football Club site from the Green Belt

Who (name of person or persons) discussed letter from Football Club and who (again person or persons) made recommendations to Cabinet and were

discussions formally minuted?

- B. Same document page 170
Summary of HHFC request and CCDC response
Who made decision (name of person or persons) and what options have or are CCDC proposing to help Football Club resolve their facilities problems and when are they to be discussed with Football Club given the extreme urgency of the matter
- C. The 2004 and 2008 Playing Pitch Strategy published by CCDC recognises the desperate need for small sided and junior football pitches with changing facilities and recommends the setting up of a 'Football Hub' at Heath Hayes Park and adjoining land at Wimblebury Road, Heath Hayes. Why has this not been included in the Cannock Chase Local Development Framework; Local Plan Part 1.

The following responses to the questions above were provided:-

- A. The letter from Heath Hayes FC was treated in the same way as all other representations made on the Local Plan. Officers in the Planning Policy team consider whether there is a case in relation to the overall aims/policies in the plan to recommend changes or not. The response to each representation is recorded in an annex to the report to Cabinet. Several officers contribute to the report but it is published in the name of the Head of Planning & Regeneration. The reason why the Council are not proposing to take the site out of the Green Belt was explained to Mr Deans at a meeting on 28/11/12 at which the leader of the Council was present. The Council wishes, as far as possible, to deliver development across the District to meet identified requirements without further encroachment into the Green Belt and this is reflected in the strategy of the Local Plan (Part 1) as published for consultation.
- B. At the meeting mentioned in point 1 above it was concluded that a more practical way forward for the club would be to examine using their existing site, possibly in conjunction with adjoining Council land off Newlands Lane, in a more effective way in order to address the club's current site/facility problems. The potential to provide community access to improved club facilities by users of the Council owned pitch at Newlands Lane which has recently undergone drainage improvements was explored. It was agreed that officers would examine the principle of whether space could be provided for a new club building and improved car park at Newlands Lane and potentially assist with more formal feasibility work should funding not be secured by the club for this purpose. The Club agreed to explore potential opportunities with the Football Association in relation to both feasibility work and capital funding.
- C. The playing pitch strategies have been updated by work undertaken jointly between the Council and Sport England completed in 2010. The work recognises that deficiencies in quantity and quality of pitches/changing facilities needs to be addressed and this is recognised in the wording of Policy CP5 of the Local Plan Part 1. The policy notes that "further allocations of formal and informal spaces will be addressed via Local Plan Part 2..." The Local Plan Part

1 is a strategic planning policy document which does not make local site specific land allocations.

Mr. Deans in response to the questions and answers received commented that Heath Hayes Football Club was the 2nd largest club in Staffordshire and the current facilities were not good enough when teams were coming to play from across Staffordshire.

Tony McGovern, Corporate Director referred to the first response that had been provided and indicated that the meeting that Mr. Deans had attended was not 28 November, 2012 but 28 December, 2012. He then provided background information highlighting that the Local Plan had been assessed not only by Planning Officers but also Members of the Council and the general view expressed by all Members of each political group was that the site should remain in the Green Belt. . The Local Plan was then considered by Cabinet together with responses to the consultation, this was then approved by all Members at a Council meeting and the decision was unanimous.

Tony Lancaster, Planning Policy Manager added that the Local Plan did not propose any changes to the amount of land in the Green Belt. .

The Corporate Director referred to the second question and reported that Heath Hayes Football Club would therefore remain within the green belt and housing development would not be supported on this site in policy terms. It was the view of the Council that instead, the Club should look to redevelop better facilities on the site of the existing club and subject to agreement this could involve the Council managed Newlands Lane pitch. He explained that the Council maintained a football pitch in Heath Hayes although it was owned by CISWO. The Council was investing in the Newlands Lane pitch and had already improved the drainage system at a cost of around £25,000 and further work was planned in 2013 with further investment being made of £20,000.

With regard to this the Corporate Director was under the impression that Mr. Deans would approach the Football Association for funding for feasibility work with regard to this option, and the Council had indicated previously at the November 2012 meeting that it would be willing to participate in the feasibility work.

Mr. Deans expressed concern with the lack of facilities at the Football Club particularly that of the changing rooms and no facility for junior teams to change beforehand and felt that more needed to be done by the Council.

He then referred to the meeting that he had attended on 28 November, 2012 and advised that nothing specific had been agreed. He was under the impression that part of the feasibility study would include removing the site from the green belt and following discussions it was left that the feasibility study would be explored for Heath Hayes Football Club to move location. He advised that he forwarded an email to the Leader of the Council on 16 January, 2013 asking for clarification and received a response on 26 January, 2013 which stated that Mr. Heminsley of the Planning Department would contact him. However, no response was received.

The Corporate Director advised the Forum that no commitment had been given to taking Heath Hayes Football Club out of the green belt and the Council had approved

the Local Plan Part 1. He indicated that the Leader of the Council would work with the Club and Mr. Deans was expected to speak with Staffordshire FA to see if there was any funding available to undertake the feasibility work.

In response to this, Mr. Deans advised that the Staffordshire FA would not fund the feasibility study. The Corporate Director confirmed that the Council had received nothing in writing from the Staffordshire FA on this decision.

In response to a question raised by a Parish Councillor, the Corporate Director advised that the Local Plan was the strategic document that determined the Green Belt and set out the position up until 2028.

The Corporate Director referred to the third question and advised that the Playing Pitch Strategy was updated in 2010 and formed part of the Local Plan Part 1 evidence base. The Plan did not designate sites but there was an intention to develop additional football facilities at Heath Hayes Park. Investment was required but there was currently no funding available although it was recognised that Heath Hayes Park should be improved.

Mr. Deans addressed the Forum and advised that he wished to secure the future of the Heath Hayes Football Club and was not happy with any of the responses that he had received.

(At this point the Chairman returned to the meeting).

33. Forward Agenda for Future Meetings

The Chairman advised that a form for completion was attached to the agenda for any issues wanting to be raised at the next meeting of the Forum. Appropriate representatives would be invited to attend to answer the questions.

34. Date of Future Meetings

The Forum noted the following dates:

Thursday, 13 June, 2013 – Norton Canes High School
Thursday, 12 September, 2013 – venue to be confirmed
Monday, 2 December, 2013 – venue to be confirmed
Monday, 24 March, 2014 – venue to be confirmed

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm