

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY 3 MARCH, 2020 AT 4.00 P.M.**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Freeman, Miss. M.A. (Chairman)  
Jones, Mrs. V. (Chairman)

Buttery, M.S.	Newbury, J.A.A.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Smith, C.D.
Crabtree, S.K.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Dunnett, Ms. A.J.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Layton, Mrs. A.	

**19. Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Independent Co-opted Member Simmy Akhtar, Healthwatch.

**20. 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.

**21. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 November, 2019 be approved as a correct record.

**22. Notes**

The Notes of the Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee – Task and Finish Group held on 29 October and 19 November, 2019 were received for information.

**23. Update – Healthwatch Staffordshire**

It was reported that Healthwatch would be re-visiting their work programme and future priorities, therefore an up to date report would be provided for the next meeting.

## 24. Update – Staffordshire County Council’s Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee

The Chairman invited her substitute Councillor Mrs. V. Jones to provide an update to Members of the Committee. She provided a written summary from the meeting held on 3 February, 2020:

### “Autism Implementation Plan 2020 – 2030 part of the “The Whole Life Disability Strategy” covers adults and children

- Legal requirement to have a Strategy on Autism
- Staffordshire has more children with Autism than comparator authorities. 2000 known to the service, 1377 children – Education and Health Needs Plan. Not all in receipt of social figures – however the figures were slightly confusing
- Aim – increase resilience of individuals and communities prevention, avoid, reduce and delay dependency on health and social services
- Bring together all the organisations – Council, NHS Trusts, Police, DWP and Housing Education that commission and provide care for autism
- Survey and engagement events on how well Council and CCGs are performing against 15 national standards. Two main findings were:
  - assessment and diagnostic services now available
  - understanding and signposting of Autism across the NHS
- Monitored by an Autism Joint Implementation Group including users

### “All together for Carers” Strategy endorsed last Autumn - feedback on Future model for Carers Service

- 148000 adult and 1950 carers in Staffordshire – admission to residential care £0.5million per year
- Full stakeholder involvement – findings
  - engagement process main findings on how to obtain advice, support and group support
  - young carers – where to find support and being able to have a break from caring and meeting people in a similar situation
- Increase resilience of individuals and communities prevention – avoid and reduce delay and dependency on health and social services
- Key features of the future model are a contact point – carers well being partnership, further assessment and support planning with referral routes
- Commitment to review current services
- Lengthy and full evaluation of 3 commissioning options
- A contact point provided directly by the Council, with the Carers Well Being Partnership commissioned externally and assessment and support planning directly provided by the Council and MPFT
- This went forward to the Cabinet meeting which was scheduled for 19 February, 2020

### CCGs Update report for Staffordshire CCGs AO

- The Chairman of the Select Committee forwarded a letter seeking assurance of the strategic commissioning position after 5 out of 6 CCGs voted against the merger. The GPs felt that they had not been consulted and PCB workshops would continue throughout next year
- Prime Provider model – The North CCGs have indicated that they want to become a strategic commissioner with an integrated care system ICS. This would include the North, South East and South West by April, 2021
- Acknowledged local sensitivities in commissioning decisions where appropriate
- Described the governance structure
- Encouraged providers to form ICPs

The Member also referred to the consultation which showed an alignment between the North and South over a service the CCG would want to decommission, and she had asked the Chairman if the clinical assessment by the CPAG for the services concerned could be provided.

#### Work Programme

- The issue of delayed discharges from hospital. Staffordshire was worse than other authorities
- Half of the acute provision was outside of the County
- Geriatrician based in Keele University was leading on this work
- Action was being undertaken to examine and ask providers to submit evidence on delayed discharges

#### Next Meeting – 17 March, 2020

- Virgin Care contract
- Modernising social care

Members thanked the Councillor for the summary report.

### **25. Cannock Chase Council Housing Assistance Policy – Final Report from the Housing Assistance Policy Task & Finish Working Group**

Briefing Note of the Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles (Item 4.1 – 4.8 plus appendices of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles presented the revised Housing Assistance Policy to Members of the Committee. He explained that there were a number of recommendations the Committee may wish to consider including options set out at paragraph 5.21 of the report.

Members thanked the Task and Finish Group for the work that had been undertaken on the Policy. However, a Member asked what communication/publicity would be undertaken to make the public more aware of what they were entitled to.

The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles advised that there may be some

further slight amendments to the Policy and that there would be consultation through the Citizens Advice Bureau and other organisations. He also indicated that he was liaising with the Revenues and Benefits department to include leaflets where communication was circulated to new occupiers/owners and those on 'passported' benefits.

The Chairman asked that Parish and Town Council's also be included and that the scheme was further publicised in order to encourage people to apply for adaptations.

Members discussed the revised Policy and commented on a number of items including how the voluntary sector could be involved, homes already adapted to enable people to live and how the Council could consider this, and how the Policy could link with assistive technology devices.

The Chairman thanked all those Members involved on the Task and Finish Group.

Councillor M.S. BATTERY moved that the Committee accept the revised Housing Assistance Policy and recommend it to Cabinet as per paragraph 5.21 to be adopted. Councillor C.D. SMITH seconded this.

RESOLVED:

That the revised Housing Assistance Policy be recommended to Cabinet to approve and adopt.

**26. Quarter 3 2019-20 Priority Delivery Plan Update – Improving Community Wellbeing – Health, Culture and Sport**

Consideration was given to the Quarter 3 2019-20 Delivery Plan Update – Improving Community Wellbeing – Health, Culture and Sport (Item 5.1 – 5.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles presented the Quarter 3 2019-20 Delivery Plan Update – Improving Community Wellbeing – Health, Culture and Sport.

Members noted the latest performance information.

---

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 4.30 pm