

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**HEALTH AND WELLBEING POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY 6 JULY, 2010 AT 4.00 P.M.**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Molineux, G.N. (Chairman)  
Bennett, Mrs. D.J. (Vice-Chairman)

Alcott, G.	Jones, R.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Yates, Ms. W.
Gilbert, P.	

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies received.

**2. 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, Mrs. A.F.	Item 4 – working within her role as Parish Councillor to identify burial land	Personal

**3. Minutes**

AGREED:

- (A) That the Minutes of the Healthier Communities and Older People Policy Development Committee held on 25 March, 2010 be approved as a correct record.
- (B) That the Minutes of the Culture, Sport and Services for Children and Young People Policy Development Committee held on 16 March, 2010 be noted.

**4. Role and Remit of the Health and Wellbeing Policy Development Committee**

Mr. S. Shilvock, Head of Environmental Health reported that the draft Terms of Reference

had now been agreed at the Council meeting held on 30 June, 2010.

Members discussed the Terms of Reference and in particular the functions that the Committee could perform. The Committee were interested and asked questions around inviting external representatives of organisations to meetings who may be able to contribute to the Committees work.

The Head of Environmental Health then gave a presentation to the Committee on the Health and Wellbeing Portfolio and reported that the portfolio liaised with various bodies and agencies regarding health inequalities across the District and was the Children and Young People Block of the Local Area Agreement.

He advised that the Portfolio covered areas such as Environmental Health Services which included food hygiene and safety, cemeteries and burial grounds and management and maintenance of the Council's community alarms.

The Head of Environmental Health then reported on the priority outcomes for 2010-11 which included reducing health inequalities, protecting the health of the public and regulating businesses and identifying additional burial land within Cannock.

He reported that Cabinet recently considered a report which detailed a number of sites within the District which could potentially be used for burial space. As part of the investigations, he advised that a detailed ground condition survey would have to be undertaken and would take a number of months to complete. A report would then be submitted to Cabinet in March 2011 which would provide details of the investigations.

#### **5. Concessionary Travel – Dial-a-Ride**

Members received for information the letter forwarded to service users informing them of the situation in respect of the Dial-a Ride scheme.

#### **6. New Health Scrutiny Arrangements**

The Head of Environmental Health provided information to the Committee in respect of the devolved powers regarding Scrutiny; and advised Members that a new Health Scrutiny Committee had been established with the purpose of scrutinising health provision within the District.

He then advised the Committee that he and Councillor Mrs. M.A. Davis had attended a work plan meeting at Staffordshire County Council.

Councillor Davis stated that a number of issues were considered at the meeting and overall there was concern with health inequalities and the current issues surrounding Mid Staffs General Hospitals Foundation Trust. She advised that the County's Scrutiny and Performance Manager would be formulating a work plan which would provide information on the tasks to be undertaken by each Local Authority.

#### **7. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

The Head of Environmental Health circulated a list detailing items which Members of the

Committee may wish to consider for future meetings. Those items detailed were:-

- Environmental Health – delivery of statutory enforcement work
- Health Inequalities – work currently being delivered by the Council/work currently being delivered by South Staffs PCT
- Area Priorities – Director of Social Care & Health, Staffs County Council
- Policy and Strategy – Joint Public Health Strategy for Staffordshire/Emerging Government Proposals

Ms. W. Yates, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Leader provided information to the Committee in respect of a number of the above areas and advised that she had recently attended a meeting where discussions had taken place regarding policy and strategy and the formulation of a joint strategy for Staffordshire. She also advised that a white paper was to be issued in respect of health, although she would discuss this with the Committee at a later date.

Members also discussed other areas which the Committee could consider for future meetings which included:

- Obesity
- Heart disease/stroke aftercare
- Cancer

Members of the Committee then discussed the other possible areas for consideration at future meetings and a number of comments were made such as the need for further public awareness and concern with higher rates in respect of obesity and heart disease.

A Member then discussed with the Committee a computer game that local schoolchildren had produced about combating germs which would shortly be available on the Council's Internet site.

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CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 4.35 p.m.