

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 3 JULY, 2018 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.	

Invited:

Staffordshire County Council Co-opted Member: Councillor P. Hewitt
Independent Co-opted Member: Jackie Owen, Healthwatch Staffordshire

1. Apologies

No apologies.

2. 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.

3. Minutes

A Member referred to Page 13, Minute 21. Minutes and asked for an update in respect of the situation concerning community beds.

The Chairman advised that she had contacted both Staffordshire County Council (SCC) and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and had received no response.

The Staffordshire County Councillor indicated that he would liaise with the County on this issue and report back.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Health, Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 26 March, 2018 be approved as a correct record.

4. End of Year 2017-18 Health and Culture Priority Delivery Plan Performance Update

Consideration was given to the End of Year 2017-18 Health and Culture Priority Delivery Plan Performance Update (Item 4.1 – 4.11 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles presented the report and indicated that all of the projects were either on target or complete.

A Member referred to Item 4.6 of the report and the hard work that the volunteers from the Princes Trust had put into the Tesco Gardening Project, and despite some issues, the Group had overcome these to complete the garden.

5. Health, Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2017-18

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles (Item 5.1 – 5.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles reported on the work undertaken by the Health, Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee during 2017-18 and the work of the Task and Finish Group and the impact of hot food takeaways.

Members noted the work that had been undertaken by the Task and Finish Group and how hot food takeaways had contributed not just locally towards the obesity problem but also nationally. They also discussed how obesity linked to deprivation and how education was crucial for families and young people.

RESOLVED:

That the Health, Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2017-18 be noted, and submitted to Council on 25 July, 2018, for information.

(At this point the Chairman agreed to change the order of the Agenda).

6. Update – Healthwatch

Members welcomed Jackie Owen to the meeting to provide an update on the work carried out by Healthwatch.

Jackie Owen reported that following a re-tender the organisation had now received a 58% reduction over 3 years.

She reported that the Healthwatch AGM had been arranged for 11 July, 2018 at Staffordshire Rugby Club and indicated that the main speaker would be Simon

Whitehouse, Director for the Staffordshire Together We're Better Programme and also work with Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP).

She reported that a steering group had been established to look at the problems surrounding community hospitals and beds. She advised that consideration was being given to some proposals and a consultation would be held this year. She also indicated that there were some other priority areas to consider at both Lichfield and Burton Hospitals.

Jackie Owen reported on a number of areas and advised that Ian Wright from Healthwatch was involved with a number of District Participation Groups and activities through Cannock Community Centre and SEND. Engagement had taken place with 88 individuals through visits, a health and wellbeing survey had been carried out and a report would be due to go to the Health and Wellbeing Board this month.

It had been highlighted that there were issues around accessing assessment services and groups to help people with autism. There were also other problems with trying to access appointments and requesting assessments for support for parents of children with autism. A report would be produced which would go to the CCG.

She reported on work undertaken with the STP who would be carrying out consultation events, however there had been little publicity and therefore they were being encouraged to be more open and transparent with the public.

Jackie Owen also reported that Healthwatch was currently trying to recruit 23 maternity champions who could gauge patient experiences and report back on their findings in respect of maternity services.

She highlighted the issue of unregulated day care services which were being offered to people with learning difficulties and also the issues surrounding direct payments.

It was reported that some investigative and research work would be carried out with regard to community hospitals due to the common misconception that they were better than care homes.

Finally, she reported that that under the 'Enter and View' Programme, Healthwatch had visited Talbot House, Rugeley and The Heathers, Cannock.

Members Questions

A Member discussed the need for Patient Participation Groups (PPG) and explained to Members that this provided the public with the opportunity of meeting at a GP Practice to discuss services, improvements and express concerns. However, he expressed concern that some GP practices did not have a PPG.

Jackie Owen commented that in order for a PPG to be established, it required the support from both GPs and the CCG, however she was keen on advocating PPGs.

A Member highlighted the issue that support for young people with learning difficulties was reducing with current cuts to funding. He was of the opinion that cuts in funding could lead to problems in the long term and investment for the future was needed.

In response to questions raised by a Member, Jackie Owen commented that Healthwatch had planned to undertake a visit with carers in order to try and establish what issues carers had with the assessment procedure. She also advised that Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust remained under Staffordshire Healthwatch.

7. Task and Finish Group – Impact of Hot Food Takeaways Notes and Final Report of Hot Food Takeaways Task and Finish Group

Consideration was given to the Report and Notes (4 June, 2018) of the Hot Food Takeaways Task and Finish Group (Item 6.1 – 6.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Food Safety and Licensing Manager presented the report to Members and reported on the work undertaken by the Task and Finish Group who considered ways of how the Council and partners could influence and limit the impact of hot food takeaways on local health outcomes.

He referred to the recommendations contained within the report and advised that recommendation 2.5 should read ‘That Cabinet at a future meeting’ and not ‘That Council, at its meeting on 27 July’.

Members discussed the use of planning powers, takeaway food outlets being within very close proximity to each other and how planning could influence this with more control being given to Local Authorities. They also discussed portion sizes and how education towards food could have a positive effect on both families and young children.

The Staffordshire County Councillor commented that cooking sessions for families would be held throughout August at the Rugeley Community Church.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the Committee notes the content of the report;
- (B) That the Committee would identify an appropriate mechanism to ensure the findings are used to contribute to the current Corporate Plan 2018-23, in particular in relation to development, with partners, of a strategy on healthier food choices.
- (C) That the Committee notes that officers will work with partner agencies to develop and present to the Committee a data set which will give insight into the local make up of take away premises, the “healthiness” of foods sold and levels of obesity in the localities.

- (D) That the Committee would engage in the forthcoming consultation on the Local Plan, and submit a response requesting consideration be given both to strengthening the health policy within the Plan and the option of including a Supplementary Planning Document in respect of takeaways;
- (E) That the Committee recommends that Cabinet, at a future meeting, instructs Officers to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government expressing concern over the lack of powers available to local authorities to control the local health impact of take away premises. In particular powers to control total numbers, locations and “clustering” of outlets selling cheap, unhealthy food; powers to limit local advertising and promotion of unhealthy foods; powers to require clearer consumer information on the salt, fat and sugar content of takeaway meals.

8. Update - Staffordshire County Council’s Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee

The Staffordshire County Councillor circulated the following update:

‘Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee - 11 June 2018

The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee met on Monday 11 June 2018 when they considered an update on progress in relation to Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) and a detailed report on the STP work stream - Urgent and Emergency Care.

The STP presented their update paper on progress to date and detailed the priorities, the engagement and consultation process and timetable, Members of the Committee put questions to the STP representatives on a range of issues including work force, opportunities for digital, community provision, the extent of the consultation, the scale of financial deficit and the progress of the early adopters.

The STP Commissioning and Clinical Leads presented their report and presentation on the Urgent and Emergency Care work stream. They detailed the Programme overview, the targets which had been set, the risks and mitigation, the workforce implications and winter planning. Members of the Committee put questions to the leads querying the work stream, especially the implications for the workforce, when winter planning would commence and its delivery plan and the role of the ambulance service.

The STP agreed to provide further responses on a number of issues raised, in particular the financial deficit and the delivery plan for winter planning.

County Council Members Workshop – South Staffordshire Community Hospital Provision - 20 June 2018

Members attended a workshop on the 20 June 2018 to consider the Community Hospital provision in the south of the County. A presentation was given by Marcus Warnes, Accountable Officer – Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups in which he stated that the of the workshop was to understand how the

redesign of the Community Hospitals in South Staffordshire fits into the overarching STP, to discuss the options that are currently being considered in line with the top 10 deliverables agreed through the STP aligned to D2A, Urgent Care, Planned Care and EPCC and to understand the steps we must go through next in relation to consultation and how this will be approached. He further detailed the Community Beds and benefits in relation to the Discharge to Assess programme, the Urgent Care Offer and Integrated Care Teams and links to the Community Hospital's.

Members were advised that it was not the intention to close any beds in the south of the County. Members raised a number of issues in particular, progress with the Integrated Care Team, the utilisation of the estate, issues in relation to Mental Health, work force skills and recruitment, the Burton and Derby merger, the locality hubs and the financial position'.

9. Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2018-19

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles (Item 7.1 – 7.5 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles referred to Appendix 1 and discussed the work programme for the forthcoming year, and outlined the following suggested topics for review:

- Urban Forestry Strategy 2018-2023
- Revenues and Benefits Performance
 - a. Council Tax Collection
 - b. Business Rates Collection
 - c. Benefit Processing Times
- Obesity in the District and actions to address – Public Health
- Review of Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy

This was then open to discussion from Members of the Committee.

Review of Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy

Members of the Committee discussed this and queried whether or not the Policy should be reviewed through the Licensing and Public Protection Committee.

Hospitals – Bed Blocking

Members discussed separately whether this item should form part of the work programme for the forthcoming year, due to the issues surrounding the failure of care packages which was making the issue surrounding bed blocking worse.

The Staffordshire County Councillor commented that work surrounding care plans was taking place, although he felt that bed blocking was not on the increase. He suggested that he could bring some information back to the Committee on this issue.

Obesity in the District and actions to address – Public Health
Vulnerable People and Accessibility

Members of the Committee discussed this and agreed that this topic should form part of the work programme for the forthcoming year together with support for vulnerable people and accessibility.

Members discussed the various aspects associated with the vulnerability of people and also accessibility of premises and transport, communication and the complexities associated with both areas.

Following consideration of the draft work programme for 2018-19 Members agreed that the following topics should be scoped and agreed for review at future meetings in 2018-19:

- Obesity in the District and actions to address
- Vulnerable People and Accessibility

(Councillor C.D. Smith left the meeting at this point).

RESOLVED:

(A) That the following items be approved for inclusion in the 2018-19 work programme:

- Community Wellbeing PDP Progress Report - April to September, 2018
- Community Wellbeing PDP Progress Report – October to December, 2018

(B) That the following review topics be scoped and agreed:

- Obesity in the District and actions to address
- Vulnerable People and Accessibility

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 5.28 pm