

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors:

Gamble, B. (Chairman)
Freeman, Miss. M.A. (Vice-Chairman)

Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Johnson, J.P.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Johnson, T.B.
Dudson, Miss. M.J.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Foley, D.	

By Invitation:

Mr. Peter Prokopa, Chief Operations Officer, South Staffordshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee.

Mr. Peter Burt, Managing Director (Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles), Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust.

Also present:

County Councillor Mrs. C. Mitchell, Staffordshire County Council Representative

Observing:

Councillor Mrs. M.A. Davis, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Leader

Councillor Mrs. C. Mitchell, Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader

30. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. A. Allt, M. Grocott, Mrs. P.Z. Stretton and Mrs. H. Parsons, Healthwatch.

31. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restrictions on Voting by Members

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

32. Minutes

Members referred to page 13, Minute 25. Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust and expressed concern that information concerning the free bus service was not being supplied with patient appointment letters despite previously being told that this was happening. Members requested that the Council communicate with Mr. Mahmud, Integration Programme Director and advise him of this.

The Member for Staffordshire County Council referred to page 16, Minute 27. Staffordshire County Council's Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – Update and reported that she could confirm that the County would be increasing Council Tax by 2%.

Steve Shilvock, Head of Environmental Health referred to page 16, Minute 27. Staffordshire County Council's Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – Update "Living My Life My Way" and referred to the establishment of a working group concerning the proposed ways to which care was assessed and funded and reported that a meeting would be taking place tomorrow at 12 noon. He indicated that following the meeting he would circulate a draft document to Committee Members given that the deadline for the consultation was 7 March, 2016.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January, 2016 be approved as a correct record.

33. Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust

The Chairman welcomed Peter Burt, Managing Director from Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust to discuss the Quarter 2 Performance Review Report with the Committee, and also inform them how the Trust was trying to help local people tackle health inequalities.

Peter Burt referred to the report and provided statistical information concerning the Council's Culture and leisure facilities, golf course performance, theatre performance; attendances of activities delivered by the Sports Team and also indicated that investment of approximately £111k would be brought forward this year for use at both leisure centres.

He reported that 10 (29%) of targets were rated as red and this referred to health and fitness usage at both leisure centres. He indicated that a new gym had recently opened in Hednesford which had impacted upon membership loss and had increased competition.

Peter Burt provided details of a new activity called "Footgolf" which he hoped to bring to Cannock Park Golf Course. The proposed activity would not significantly affect current golfing activities. He explained that the object of the game was to get the ball into the hole using only your feet with the fewest number of shots possible. He explained that traditional sports such as golf were less popular with young people and this activity combined both football and golf.

A Member referred to this new activity and asked about charges and how the activity would be managed.

Peter Burt indicated that the activity would take place at certain times on Saturdays which would require a booking; alternatively people could turn up to see if there was availability. Players would also be charged a deposit for the use of equipment. He was unsure of the costs but explained that there would be various options available. Costings could be forwarded separately to Members.

He advised that the UK Footgolf Association advertised through their website many clubs that operated this activity. The website was able to receive bookings and payment and provided detailed information to the user about what the club could offer.

A Member was keen to know if there had been any agreements with local schools in the area for Footgolf, and if so, what costs were involved as there were affordability issues in many schools within deprived areas.

Peter Burt indicated that he was not aware of any agreements and was keen to look at alternative activities for young people. He advised that the Wellbeing Team also worked with certain groups regarding activities.

In response to a question raised concerning the contribution to leisure, Peter Burt reported that a management fee is defined in the contract from the Council and would be reviewed year on year in respect of the services within Cannock.

Members also discussed the opening hours of leisure facilities over bank holidays, and in response Peter Burt advised that traditionally leisure facilities were not used as much over those periods however, this was something that could be considered.

It was reported that staff at the Museum of Cannock Chase were working towards applying for funding to Art Council England's Resilience Fund for an Audience Development Officer. He also reported on the national curriculum changes within schools where there were many challenges and visit numbers from schools which had reduced.

Peter Burt also discussed with Members the Active Living referral scheme where it was hoped that the target of 700 referrals would hopefully be met by the year end.

Members referred to the scheme and reported on the positive take up within Rugeley, however expressed concern with the lack of take up within other areas.

Peter Burt referred to and explained the process for referrals used in Wigan and advised that George Gaye, Wellbeing Officer for Wigan was currently very involved with the scheme.

With regard to Active Living Peter Prokopa, Chief Operations Officer, South Staffordshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee referred to healthy living champions and indicated that he was able to provide a list of pharmacies which could be targeted.

Peter Burt then referred to the Quarter 3 Performance Report and discussed child obesity rates with Members.

Members discussed this and the ways in which children could get fit and it was noted that only a small number of schools had undertaken visits to the leisure centre and schools required targeting.

Peter Burt explained that the budget for primary schools for physical activity was £20k per year and it was a schools choice who they wished to appoint to offer services to its pupils. He explained that an education focus was required and a team would be working on developing this and online products with the same focus.

A discussion was had and issues were raised such as cost, how to target pupils and parents, initiatives undertaken at Wigan and the pupil premium.

34. Presentation – South Staffordshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC)

Prior to commencement of the meeting a document outlining the service offered and information on the proposal was circulated.

The Chairman welcomed Peter Prokopa, Chief Operations Officer, South Staffordshire LPC to the meeting.

Peter Prokopa referred to a letter from the Government's Pharmacy Minister which was sent to the Pharmacy Service Negotiating Committee on 17 December, 2015 advising that funding for the community pharmacy for 2016/17 would be cut by 6% which equated to around £170 million.

He provided some background information about the service and explained that patients could access a healthcare professional which was community based with no need for an appointment.

He outlined what the proposals would mean for community pharmacy which included:

- Decrease in patient access to medicines, support and advice
- Increase patient safety risks
- Diminish community assets and risk job losses
- Destroy the long-term potential of community pharmacy
- Undermine existing health improvement plans and recent initiatives to integrate and develop community pharmacy services

Peter Prokopa also discussed other issues and areas which included:

- Financial/quality drivers in delivering services
- Prescription costs and durations
- Internet/mail order pharmacies

He reported that there were around 30 pharmacies within Cannock with some being at risk that dispensed around 7,000 items per month. He was currently engaging

with Local Authorities, Healthwatch, MPs and others in order that people could be made aware of what would be happening

Peter Prokopa asked the Health Scrutiny Committee to support South Staffordshire Pharmacy Committee and advised that the consultation would end on 24 March, 2016.

Members discussed this and expressed concern that cuts to funding was being proposed and would ask that it was reported to either Council or Cabinet. Some Members also indicated that they had not seen or read any information concerning this.

RESOLVED:

That the Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Leader provide a report to Cabinet on 24 March, 2016 expressing concern with the cut to funding for community pharmacy.

35. Quarter 3 Performance Report

Consideration was given to the Quarter 3 Performance Report (Item 3.1 – 3.4).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the performance information relating to Better Health Outcomes Priority Delivery Plan In Quarter 3 as detailed at Appendix 1, be noted.
- (B) That the actions and indicators which are rated Yellow, Orange or Red and the associated commentary/remedial action proposed by the Lead Officer, be noted.

36. Staffordshire County Council's Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – Update

A Member referred to the digest of 19 January, 2016 and it was confirmed that the Minor Injuries Units at Sir Robert Peel Hospital, Tamworth and Samuel Johnson Hospitals, Lichfield would see a change in the opening hours.

37. Healthwatch Staffordshire – Update

Steve Shilvock, Head of Environmental Health informed the Committee that Hester Parsons had concluded her appointment with Healthwatch and arrangements would be made for a replacement in due course.

Members of the Committee wished Hester their best wishes for the future and thanked her for her support and input into the Health Scrutiny Committee over the past few years.

38. Work Programme

Steve Shilvock circulated an updated Work Programme for 2015/16.

A Member referred to the invitation accepted by Dr. Mo Huda, Chair of the Cannock Clinical Commissioning Group to attend a future meeting, and advised that Paul Gallagher, Lay Member had indicated that he would also be happy to attend the same meeting.

The Chairman referred to a document concerning mental health and wellbeing provision and asked for this to be circulated to Members of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Work Programme for 2015/16 be noted.

CHAIRMAN

The meeting concluded at 5.45 p.m.