

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 26 JULY, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M.**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Freeman, Miss. M.A. (Chairman)  
Sutton, Mrs. H.M. (Vice-Chairman)

Allt, Mrs. A.	Martin, Mrs. C.E.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Pearson, A.R.
Cooper, Miss. J.	Smith, C.D.
Dudson, Miss. M.J.	Woodhead, P.E.
Johnson, J.P.	

Also present:

- Staffordshire County Council Co-opted Member Councillor Mrs. D. Todd
- Independent Co-opted Member: Elizabeth Learoyd, Advocacy Manager, Healthwatch Staffordshire

Observing:

- Councillor Mrs. M.A. Davis, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Leader.
- Councillor Mrs. C. Mitchell, Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W.M.A. Hardman and T.B. Johnson.

**2. 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.

**3. Minutes**

Page 31, Minute 51. Mental Health and Wellbeing Provision in the District

A Member referred to the invitation concerning Mental Health Services which was forwarded to Staffordshire County Council to attend a Committee meeting. She advised that at some point later this year the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS

Trust would be considering mental health provision. She asked if the Committee had previously liaised with the South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust regarding the services they provided.

Steve Shilvock, Head of Environmental Health could not recall the Committee having been involved with the Trust, however he indicated that he could provide the Committee with a briefing note on the services provided by the Trust for the meeting scheduled for 18 October, 2016.

The Chairman and Members agreed that this should also be incorporated for discussion.

#### Page 32, Minute 54. Work Programme – Defibrillator

A Member expressed her concern and reiterated that more people needed to be trained in order to use the defibrillator, particularly late in the evening if meetings were taking place. She also asked if the equipment was checked on a regular basis and if the machine had operating instructions should someone need to use it.

The Head of Environmental Health advised Members that the defibrillator was located in the telephone room just behind reception, regular checks were undertaken and a number of people were trained on using it. He explained that if there was a need to use it out of normal office hours, the Caretakers were available and were trained. He would however check on out of hours arrangements for access to and use of the defibrillator.

#### Page 32, Minute 54. Work Programme – Arthritis Care Group – Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust (RWNHS)

The Member indicated that despite writing to the RWNHS Trust she had not received any further communication. She advised that she would contact the Arthritis Care Group and report back to the Committee.

#### Page 33, Minute 54. Work Programme – Presentation by Dr. Huda – Chair of Cannock Chase CCG

Members expressed concern that Dr. Huda had still not attended a meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee and again suggested that if he could not accommodate any of the dates in the Calendar, an additional meeting could be arranged and alternative location to suit him.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that he would again contact Dr. Huda to ascertain his availability to attend a meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April, 2016 be approved as a correct record.

**4. Confirmation of Representative to Staffordshire County Council's Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Miss. M.A. Freeman was confirmed at the Annual Council meeting held on 25 May, 2016 as this Council's representative to Staffordshire County Council's Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee for the 2016-17 Municipal Year.

**5. Confirmation of the Nominated Member from Staffordshire County Council's Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mrs. D. Todd was confirmed as the nominated Member to the Council's Health Scrutiny Committee for the 2016-17 Municipal Year.

**6. Confirmation of appointment of Independent Co-opted Member**

RESOLVED:

That Elizabeth Learoyd, Advocacy Manager, Healthwatch Staffordshire was confirmed as the Co-opted Member to the Council's Health Scrutiny Committee for the 2016-17 Municipal Year.

Elizabeth Learoyd introduced herself to Members of the Committee and provided background information of her role as Advocacy Manager of Healthwatch Staffordshire.

**7. End of Year Performance Report 2015-16 – Better Health Outcomes Priority Delivery Plan**

Report of Head of Governance (Item 4.1 – 4.15) including Appendix.

That the performance information relating to the Better Health Outcomes Priority Delivery Plan as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

**8. Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2016-17**

Report of Head of Governance (Item 5.1 – 5.5) plus Appendices.

The Head of Environmental Health presented the report and proposed work programme for 2016-17.

The Chairman advised the Committee that there would be a focus upon issues within Health Scrutiny, and any emergency items would be accommodated when there was a need.

Adult Disabled Adaptations

A Member made reference to a local resident with a planned disabled adaptation

which had not taken place. He expressed concern that this was just one resident, and was keen to know how many more were being affected due to financial cutbacks.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that as part of the work programme he would provide a briefing note to Members of the Committee concerning adult disabled adaptations.

He reported that the Committee had similar concerns with regard to disabled adaptations for children back in 2014, where there was a backlog and delays in referring children's cases. He advised however that this issue appeared to be resolved. He indicated that he would discuss this matter with the County Council's team and provide information at a future meeting.

### Better Care Fund

A Member referred to the contributions from Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) partners and asked how this would impact on social care activities and if this was being considered through the County Council.

The Head of Environmental Health would liaise with the Health Scrutiny Manager at the County Council and provide a report back to the Committee.

The Chairman indicated that she had attended the first Better Care Fund meeting where discussions had take place between the County and the CCG. She advised Members that she and Staffordshire County Council's Co-opted Member Councillor Mrs. D. Todd would report back to the Committee following the next meeting. Both agreed it may benefit the Committee if a request was made for County Councillor Alan White, Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing to attend a future meeting.

Whilst Members were in agreement with an invite being extended to County Councillor Alan White, a request was also made that Dr. Huda, Andy Donald, Accountable Officer for Stafford and Surround CCG and Cannock Chase CCG and Paul Simpson, Director of Finance/Deputy Chief Executive also be invited to the same meeting.

### Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals Trust (RWNHS)

A Member asked if the University Hospitals of North Midlands (UHNM) could be linked in the work programme with the RWNHS Trust concerning services. The Head of Environmental Health would endeavour to try and link both the RWNHS Trust and UHNM in with the work programme.

Elizabeth Learoyd, Advocacy Manager, Healthwatch Staffordshire reported that she would be liaising with all of the hospitals on various issues including timing of appointments which appeared to be a problem for some patients.

A Member indicated that it had been reported in the local press that the bus service provided by RWNHS Trust would cease, however she had been made aware that it would continue but the bus would be replaced by something smaller.

## Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust (Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles) Activities

A Member referred to the decision of (Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles) Wigan Leisure to offer ex-service personnel free use of the leisure centres, and asked if the Council could contact the local British Legion to promote the offer and encourage greater take-up.

Mike Edmonds, Head of Commissioning advised Members that he would raise this with Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles at the next Contract meeting and it was also possible to request a report/attendance to hear how they promoted activities and initiatives across the District including the offer to resident ex-service personnel.

In respect of culture and sport, a Member indicated that Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles was considering the opening of its facilities over some of the bank holidays throughout the year.

Members also discussed accessibility for those with disabilities and how this was being tackled, health referrals and a recent food hygiene project.

The Head of Environmental Health would add food hygiene to the work programme and prepare a report for a future meeting.

Having discussed the proposed Work Programme and taking into account the discussion from Members of the Committee, the following should also be included:

- Food Hygiene Service and Safer Food Project – report;
- Adult disabled adaptations – briefing note;
- Better Care Fund – invite to external invitees as detailed above and report back on contributions from CCG partners;
- Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles – report/attendance concerning the promotion of activities and initiatives across the District including the use of leisure services by resident ex-service personnel.
- Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust - linking of University Hospitals of North Midlands (UHNM) to the work programme when looking at services provided;
- Mental Health and Wellbeing – briefing note on the services provided by South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

RESOLVED

That the Work Programme attached at Appendix 2 of the report for 2016-17, be agreed.

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CHAIRMAN

The meeting concluded at 4.50 p.m.