

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 2015 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)

Allt, Mrs. A.	Hoare, M.W.A.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Johnson, J.P.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Johnson, T.B.
Dudson, Miss. M.J.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Foley, D.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Grocott, M.R.	

Also present: County Councillor Mrs. C. Mitchell, Staffordshire County Council Representative.

**1. Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs. M.A. Davis, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Leader.

**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**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 August, 2015 be approved as a correct record.

**4. Scope and Functions of the Health Scrutiny Committee**

Judith Aupers, Head of Governance provided Members with a presentation which gave an overview of the scope and functions of the Health Scrutiny Committee. The presentation covered the following:-

- Background to Scrutiny

- Purpose of Scrutiny
- The Committee's Role and Remit
- Performance Management
- Scrutiny Work Programme
- Work Programme 2015-16
- Better Health Outcomes PDP
- LPP – Improved Health and Wellbeing

The Chairman and Members discussed the inclusion of culture and sport within the Health Scrutiny Committee remit and the importance of including certain items on the Work Programme.

## **5. Work Programme 2015-16**

The Head of Governance informed Members that there would be some new health statistics data which could be made available to the Committee. Work was currently being undertaken and the data would be based around different health provision aspects.

Members were keen to make sure that that the data was split into Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) areas and that the data was only based around Cannock's CCG area.

The Head of Governance advised Members that Rob Lamond, Policy and Performance Manager would be in attendance at the next meeting and would ask him to provide an update to Members on the data analysis work being undertaken.

Members discussed the NHS hearing aid service provision and how changes to funding were likely to impact on those with moderate hearing loss. It was found that it was likely that other CCG areas would eventually follow and make similar changes to that of North Staffs CCG. The Committee raised concern that the most vulnerable people would be at risk which was a concern for the Committee and it was felt that some accountability was needed.

At this point Councillor Mrs. P.Z. Stretton left the meeting (4.25 p.m.).

Members of the Committee discussed the Work Programme and areas of importance for the Committee and how manageable the Programme was given the short space of time the Committee had to look at all the items. Discussions were also had with regard to convening task and finish groups and additional meetings. Members requested that the culture and sport element be included on the next Agenda as an area of discussion.

The Chairman reported that he would be meeting with Steve Shilvock, Head of Environmental Health and Mike Edmonds, Head of Commissioning to discuss the proposed Work Programme including areas of culture and sport.

*Members of the Committee then discussed each item of the Work*

programme.

- **Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust – consideration of 2014/15 Quality Accounts –**

*Members agreed that this item be responded to as and when it arises*

- **Improving Patient Access Project –**

*Members requested that an invite be extended for Mr. Cropper to return to a future Committee meeting and provide an update*

- **Cannock Chase CCG – update on local healthcare commissioning including Minor Injuries Unit (MIU)**
- **GP Provision in Cannock Chase – current position and action being taken**
- **Cannock Chase CCG Financial Recovery Plan – update on current and projected position**

*Members agreed that these items be dealt with together and that an invite be extended to a representative to attend a future meeting to provide information. Members also agreed that any questions they wished to put forward should be emailed to the Head of Environment Health in advance of any meeting*

- **NHS Hearing Aid Service Provision -**

*Members noted that Staffordshire County Councils Healthier Staffordshire Select Committee was currently considering this item, however Members agreed to be updated as and when any information came forward*

- **Better Care Fund –**

*It was noted that this item was currently being dealt with*

- **Cannock Chase Hospital – update on progress following the transfer of the Hospital to the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust**
- **Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust – progress on issues identified in 2014-15 Quality Accounts**

*Members agreed that these two items be considered together and it was suggested that a briefing note be produced with an update on these items*

- **Mental Health and Wellbeing Provision in the District -**

*It was noted that Members had previously received a presentation*

*and it was suggested that a further presentation be received*

- **Supporting People –**

*Members noted that funding had been withdrawn and a request was made for an update to be brought to a future meeting*

- **Contribution of District Councils to Health – report by the Kings Fund**

*Members requested that a copy of the report be forwarded to them*

- **Access to Social Care services**

*Members requested that Angela Schulp, District Commissioner (Staffordshire County Council) be invited to attend a future meeting to update Members of the Committee on this item.*

### Culture and Sport

Members then discussed culture and sport and were keen for updates to be included where possible regarding projects in this area.

Mike Edmonds, Head of Commissioning reported that the Council's contractor Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust (WLCT) were currently working on the active referral scheme with GPs, and also indicated that WLCT in conjunction with Macmillan were trying to secure funding to deliver a host of initiatives based around health and leisure. He suggested that Members may wish to invite WLCT to discuss the scheme.

It was reported that most GP surgeries were participating in the GP referral scheme. Members discussed how the scheme could be both supported and promoted given that there had been some concern around GP referrals.

The Head of Commissioning indicated that a report produced by WLCT which included information on the GP referral scheme could be brought forward to a future meeting where Members would have the opportunity to scrutinise the information.

Members of the Committee then discussed other contracts that were managed by WLCT and how the Committee could scrutinise and question on health aspects.

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CHAIRMAN

The meeting concluded at 5.10 p.m.