

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 2011 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Bernard, Mrs. A.F. (Chairman)

Holder, M.J. (Vice-Chairman)

Ball, G.D.

Grice, Mrs. D.

Beddows, J.

Molineux, G.N.

Also Present:

Councillor P. Jones, Staffordshire County Council

Councillor J. Rowley, Staffordshire County Council

16. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D.N. Davies.

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

There were no declarations of interests declared.

18. Minutes

AGREED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 July, 2011 be approved as a correct record.

19. Items Arising from Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee

Interventional Radiography Report

The Chairman reported that Julia Bridgewater, Chief Executive of the University Hospital of North Staffordshire presented a report in respect of Interventional Radiography which was available for Members to read.

Carers Consultation

The Chairman reported that an interim report had been received in respect of the Carers Consultation which was available for Members to read. She indicated that Staffordshire County Council was considering setting up carers meetings although there would be some

difficulty with carers attending due to work commitments.

Work Programme

The Chairman reported on the suggestion of an accountability session being arranged which would involve a number of neighbouring authorities. Suggestions with regard to topics included that of the health impact on people in relation to landfill sites.

A Member reported that Staffordshire County Council's Planning Committee would be re-considering an application in respect of an Energy Recovery Facility on Thursday, and highlighted the fact that the Committee were keen to discuss the health implications as a result of such a facility.

Mr. Shilcock, Head of Environmental Health reported that discussions had already taken place. He advised that representatives from both the South Staffs Primary Care Trust (PCT) and the Regional Health Protection Agency were keen to be involved. Members of the Committee agreed that this item should be pursued irrespective of whether the planning application was agreed or refused.

20. Cardiac Rehabilitation Scrutiny Report

Consideration was given to the Cardiac Rehabilitation Scrutiny Report and Action Plan.

Councillor P. Jones commented on the report and the efforts that were put into the report by all those involved.

Councillor J. Rowley referred to the report and raised concerns in respect of both the services offered and the funding stream for cardiac rehabilitation.

The Head of Environmental Health produced a Briefing Note of the Head of Culture, Leisure and Major Projects in respect of Cardiac Rehabilitation Provision with Cannock Chase which Members were asked to consider.

With regard to a number of issues that were raised regarding sessions taking place for patients who had been discharged from hospital after a heart attack, the Head of Environmental Health referred to the report and highlighted referrals to Phase IV Programme which provided information on the rehabilitation sessions offered through both the Chase and Rugeley Leisure Centres.

He referred to 4.11 of the report and the costs associated with the sessions, however those who qualified for a Chase Card would receive a 50% discount on the cost.

A Member raised concern and reported that whilst the rehabilitation scheme was a good idea, it was only offered during the week and if offered over the weekend it may encourage a higher take up of the service for those unable to attend during the week. Members of the Committee concurred with this.

The Chairman commented on the 'State of Cannock Chase Document and the Health Profile for 2011' where the District was aiming at just above the regional average. She commented that this would have been helped with some of the work that the Council had undertaken

over the years; however there was a problem with obesity in children in year 6 at school which was over the national average.

The Head of Environmental Health explained that Ms. T. Randall, Scrutiny Manager had requested responses to the document by 23 September, 2011 and he would circulate the final document to Member for comments.

AGREED:

- (A) That the current and planned level of CR Phase IV provided by the Council's Leisure Services be noted.
- (B) That a response be formulated to Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee in respect of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Report.

21. Update on Psychological Services to Cancer Patients

Consideration was given to the Service Level Agreement in respect of Psychological Services to Cancer Patients.

The Head of Environmental Health updated Members of the Committee on the historical facts in respect of the need for psychological services to cancer patients, and explained that confirmation was awaited that funds were in place and services had been secured. Following this, a further report would be submitted to the Committee.

The Chairman explained that a lot of work had been undertaken and thanked both Staffordshire County Council and the former Chairman and Members of the Health Scrutiny Committee.

22. South Staffordshire and Shropshire NHS Foundation Trust – Public Accountability Session

The Chairman reported that a Public Accountability Session would be held on Wednesday 5 October, 2011 at 5.00 p.m. at South Staffordshire and Shropshire NHS Foundation trust.

The Chairman confirmed that she would be attending and other Members that were interested were required to contact Staffordshire County Council by 21 September, 2011 and questions for the session were required by 27 September, 2011.

23. Work Programme 2011-12

Members received and considered the Work Programme for 2011-12.

The Head of Environmental Health reported that the Chief Executive of Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust would be attending the next meeting on 31 October, 2011. He asked all Members to consider questions to ask at the meeting in respect of local issues and concerns.

A Member was keen to know when the Committee last visited Cannock Chase Hospital and if the Committee should undertake another visit. Members discussed this and it was agreed

that another visit should take place to the hospital.

Members also considered whether a further visit to Stafford Hospital should be undertaken. The Chairman agreed that a visit to Cannock Hospital should take place prior to the next meeting and consideration would be given to a visit at Stafford Hospital in the New Year.

Members discussed the Work Programme and asked for updates in respect of C.difficile and MRSA cases. The Head of Environmental Health commented that this could be a matter to raise at the next meeting with the Chief Executive of Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust.

The Chairman advised Members that the meeting scheduled for 5 December, 2011 may need to commence at 3.30 p.m. as Mr Checketts from Birmingham Children's Hospital who will be attending the meeting had other prior engagements.

AGREED:

That arrangements be made for Members of the Committee to undertake a visit to Cannock Chase Hospital.

24. Date of Next Meeting

Members of the Committee noted the following date of the next meeting:-

Monday 31 October, 2011.

CHAIRMAN

(The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.).