

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 2005 AT 3.30 P.M.**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Beddows, J. (Chairman)  
Molineux, G.N. (Vice-Chairman)

Alcott, G.                      Mitchell, C.  
Jones, R.                        Williams, A.

By Invitation:

Councillor Mrs. A.F. Bernard – Health Leader  
Councillor Mrs. S. Woodward – Staffordshire County Council  
Representative  
Mr. R. Willson, Patient and Public Involvement Forum

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. M.A. Davis, J. Bletcher, Cannock Chase Primary Care Trust and Miss K. Bradford, Head of Culture and Major Projects).

Prior to commencement of the meeting a copy letter to Mid Staffordshire General Hospitals NHS Trust was circulated to Members of the Committee.

**32. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Beddows, J.	Nominee to be Vice Chairman of St. John's Ambulance	Personal
Beddows, J.	Member of Norton Canes Health Centre Committee	Personal
Beddow, J.	Member of Norton Canes Community Partnership	Personal

### 33. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September were approved as a correct record. Arising from the Minutes the following was reported:-

Minute 25, Memorials and Headstones Presentation – 27 July, 2005

Members confirmed that the recommendation of the Select Committee was that the grave deed holder would have 24 months from the date the report was accepted by Cabinet in which to effect a repair and the report would be submitted to Cabinet on 6 October, 2005.

Minute 30, Health Centre Development at Chase Leisure Centre

The Head of Policy and Performance informed the Select Committee that there was no further information to report on the development. She confirmed that she would ascertain who would be providing updates for future meetings given that the head of Culture and Major Projects was now on maternity leave.

It was agreed that this item be included as a standing item for future meetings of the Select Committee.

### 34. Oral Update from Representative on Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Alcott reported that documentation from Staffordshire County Council had previously been circulated to Members of the Select Committee. Councillor Alcott reported on the following:-

North Staffordshire Healthcare Trust, Foundation Status

Commissioning a Patient-Led NHS

Annual Report from the Ambulance Service -

Councillor Alcott reported that the service is currently performing well and a merger is expected with the West Midlands. A public meeting in Cannock will be taking place on Sunday regarding the issue and will be advertised in the local press.

Councillor Woodward, representing Staffordshire County Council reported that all Districts and Boroughs had made representation during the consultation period, however, it was felt that full representation would be required as part of the formal consultation process.

Strategic Health/Social Care Board Meeting

Councillor Woodward reported that both herself and Councillor Alcott attended a Strategic Health/Social Care Board Meeting and Councillor Alcott requested that a copy of the Strategic Plan be circulated to Members.

Councillor Woodward reported that the following items would be a topic for consideration at the County Council:-

Annual Health Check of Trusts – to be considered on 12 October, 2005  
Out of hospital care  
National Consultation on services for people suffering from burns  
Specialist care for babies  
Black Country and Birmingham Review – Newcross Hospital and Walsall NHS Trust

### **35. Cannock Chase Hospital**

A discussion took place between Members of the Committee regarding the temporary closure of Coppice Ward and the closure of Lea Hall Ward at Cannock Chase Hospital.

Councillor Woodward reported that a letter had been formulated to Mrs. Brisby, Chairman of Mid Staffordshire General Hospital's NHS Trust following a meeting held at Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee on 28 September, 2005.

Councillor Woodward explained that the letter set out a number of points, some of which included the sustainability of services at Cannock Chase Hospital, communication between the Trust and health Scrutiny. She explained that the letter requested reassurances on the issues and that the County would review the situation in 6 month's time.

It was reported that a meeting was scheduled to take place at Cannock Chase Hospital, Valley Ward on Friday, 7 October, 2005 at 3.30 p.m. to discuss the closure of Lea Hall Ward and the temporary closure of Coppice Ward.

Agenda items for Future Meetings.

Members agreed that an invite be extended to South Staffordshire Healthcare to give a presentation on their application for foundation status. It was agreed that the meeting be scheduled for 17 October, 2005 at 2.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber prior to the Select Committee meeting at 3.30 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN