

Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 16 November 2021

Chair - Councillor J Hood

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

R J Barron A M Loughran
A G Cooper A P Edgeller R M Sutherland
A D Hobbs M J Winnington

Cabinet Member - Councillor J M Pert - Community and Health Portfolio

Cabinet Member - Councillor J K Price – Environment Portfolio Cabinet Member - Councillor C V Trowbridge - Leisure Portfolio

Also in attendance - Councillor A T A Godfrey

Officers in attendance:-

Mr R Simpson - Head of Operations

Dr T Redpath - Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager

Mrs A Nevin - Health and Housing Manager

Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

CWB13 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 21 September 2021, as previously published on the Council's website, were submitted and signed.

CWB14 Apologies

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor L Nixon (Substitute A M Loughran).

CWB15 Health and Care and Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Considered the report of Councillor J Hood on matters considered by the Health and Care and Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their previous meeting held on 20 September 2021.

The Committee raised the following issues contained within the report:-

- Difficult Decisions Update
- District Borough and Health Scrutiny Updates

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the report be noted.

CWB16 Air Quality Annual Status Report 2021

The Cabinet Member (Environment Portfolio) and the Head of Operations introduced the report (V1 21/10/21) that informed the Committee of the work that has been undertaken by the Council to monitor the air quality of the Borough to ensure that there was a good and healthy air quality environment.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Member (Environment Portfolio) and the Head of Operations:-

- Ways in which the Council could proactively challenge problems with air quality
- Poor air quality outside of schools caused by the running of car engines
- Poor air quality outside of Leisure Centres caused by the running of bus engines
- European Air Quality Standards
- Concern over the small size of the print
- Electronic vehicle charging points numbers and locations
- Taxi Licensing Vehicles and Incentives
- The implications of HS2 on Air Quality
- The implications of roadworks on the A34 on Air Quality

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the report be noted.

CWB17 Health and Safety Annual Report 2020-2021

The Cabinet Member (Environment Portfolio) and the Head of Operations introduced the report (V1 29/10/21) in relation to the Health and Safety Annual Report 2020-2021.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Member (Environment Portfolio) and the Head of Operations:-

- Staffing levels
- Funding for additional staff
- Numbers of reported near misses
- HS5 Premises Inspections

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Health and Safety Annual Report 2020-21 be noted.

CWB18 Food Safety Annual Report 2020-2021

The Cabinet Member (Environment Portfolio) and the Head of Operations introduced the (V1 29/10/21) in relation to the Food Safety Annual report 2020-2021.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Member (Environment Portfolio) and the Head of Operations:-

- Infectious Diseases and comparisons against previous years
- Food outlets hygiene
- Food banks monitoring

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Food Safety Annual report 2020-2021 be noted.

CWB19 Fees and Charges Review 2022

This matter had been considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 4 November 2021 and was submitted to this Committee for consultation.

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Finance (V1 25/10/21) in relation to proposed Fees and Charges for 2022.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Members (Community and Health Portfolio), the Cabinet Member (Environment Portfolio), the Cabinet Member (Leisure Portfolio), the Head of Operations and the Health and Housing Manager:-

- Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015
 Penalty Charge
- Letting Agency Work and Property Management Work (Required to Belong to a Scheme etc) (England) Order 2014 Penalty Charge
- Cremation Fees
- Memorial Seats Existing Seats Only
- Memorial Trees Existing Trees Only
- Victoria Park Event Space Charity/Not for Profit

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the decision of the Cabinet as set out in Minute No CAB32/21, regarding the proposed Fees and Charges for 2022 be noted.

CWB20 Quarter 2 Performance Reporting

The Committee considered the performance and financial management details for those areas within the remit of the Committee for the quarter 2 period up to 30 September 2021 (V1 28/10/21).

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Member (Community and Health Portfolio), the Cabinet Member (Environment Portfolio), the Cabinet Member (Leisure Portfolio), the Head of Operations, the Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager and the Health and Housing Manager:-

- LI8 % of Homeless cases resolved through relief
- LI9 No of Disabled Facilities Grants completed
- 2.5.2 Ensure good housing standards are delivered in the private sector
- 2.5.3 Ensure sufficient, well managed provision of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation
- £28,000 Loss of bereavement income
- £15,000 Severe Winter Emergency Protocol funding
- £27,000 Agency costs
- £9,000 Alleynes premises costs
- Victoria Park Pedestrian Bridge
- Stone Leisure Phase 2

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the performance and financial management data relating to areas of activity within this Committee's remit be noted.

CWB21 Work Programme - Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration, which presented the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme for the forthcoming meeting in March 2022.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Work Programme be noted.

CHAIR