

# Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Thursday 4 December 2025

## Chairman - Councillor A P Edgeller

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

Councillors:

A D Hobbs L Nixon
E G R Jones M Phillips
P A Leason J T Rose
B McKeown J Thorley

D M McNaughton

Also in attendance: - Councillor J Hood - Cabinet Member, Community

Portfolio

Councillor G P K Pardesi, Cabinet Member, Leisure

Portfolio

Councillor A G Cooper

Officers in attendance:-

J Presland - Head of Operations

S Taylor - Housing Assistance, Health and Leisure Service

Manager

L Booth - Streetscene Manager

O Greatbatch - Community Safety and Partnerships Manager

J Allen - Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance:

G Smith - Veolia

A Gould - Freedom Leisure
J Rowe - Freedom Leisure

**CWB16** Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2025, as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record.

CWB17 Apologies

None received.

CWB18 County Councillor - Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The County Councillor was not in attendance.

Members agreed for a letter to be written to the County Councillor expressing their disappointment in her non-attendance and requesting an update from the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### CWB19 Update from the Task and Finish Group (Food Waste Collections)

Councillor M Phillips provided an update from the Task and Finish Group held on 3 December.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee, the verbal updated be noted.

#### CWB20 Veolia Annual Report 2024-25 and Waste and Recycling Update

Members welcomed Graeme Smith from Veolia to the meeting.

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Members thanked Veolia for their attendance and the work carried out in 2024-25, and asked that a letter be written to the staff passing on their thanks.

RESOLVED:- that:

- (a) in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the contents of the Annual Report 2024-2025 and presentation be noted
- (b) a letter of thanks to be sent to the staff at Veolia

#### CWB21 Freedom Leisure Annual Report 2024-25

Alistair Gould and Jeremy Rowe from Freedom Leisure were welcomed to the meeting.

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Freedom Leisure were thanked for their attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the contents of the Annual Report 2024-2025 and presentation be noted

#### **CWB22 Q2 Performance Report**

Head of Operations introduced the appendices.

It was reported that the tree management system would go live in the new year.

It was noted that children leaving care can join the housing list from  $17\frac{1}{2}$  years old.

With regards to overflowing bins, Members were asked to contact Streetscene so they could look at the scheduling of the hotspot areas.

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

### **CWB23** Work Programme

Considered a report presenting the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's work programme.

RESOLVED:- that:

(a) in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the work programme be noted.

CHAIR