Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 10 July 2018

Chairman - Councillor A P Edgeller

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

Councillors:
I E Davies L Nixon
R J Draper D B Price
J W Farnham R M Sutherland
A S Harp W S J Taylor
V E M Jenkinson

Cabinet Member - Councillor F A Finlay - Environment and Health Portfolio
Cabinet Member - Councillor J M Pert - Community Portfolio
Cabinet Member - Councillor R M Smith - Leisure Portfolio
Cabinet Member - Councillor K S Williamson – Resources Portfolio

Also Present - Councillor L B Bakker-Collier
- Staffordshire County Councillor C V Trowbridge

Officers in attendance:-

Mr R Lawrence - Head of Development
Mrs T Redpath - Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager
Mr R Simpson - Customer Services Group Manager
Mrs A Nevin - Health and Housing Manager
Mrs S Taylor - Interim District Public Health Development Officer
Mr W Conaghan - Press and Communication Manager
Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

CWB1 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 13 March 2018, having been published in Digest No 241 were submitted and signed.

CWB2 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R P Cooke (Substitute R J Draper).
CWB3 Health in All policies – An Introduction

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Development (V2 2/7/18) relating to the introduction of the ethos of Health in All Policies (HiAP) in order to support Members to have a full understanding of HiAP and how it was being implemented in the Council.

Accordingly, the Interim District Public Health Development Officer provided the Committee with a related presentation that included the following areas:-

- What is Health?
- The Public Health System
- Health Service: Who Does What?
- How Healthy Are Our Residents?
- Corporate Business Objective 2
- The Kings Fund Report
- The District Council Contribution to Public Health: A Time of Challenge and Opportunity
- Health in All Policies – the Key Elements
- Tools and Processes
- The SBC Action Plan - Highlights

In response, the Committee discussed the following aspects of the presentation with the Cabinet Member (Environment and Health Portfolio), the Health and Housing Manager and the Interim District Public Health Development Officer:-

- Clarification of the costs of air pollution
- Opportunities for specific Member training on HiAP
- The relationship between volunteer litter pickers and the work of Streetscene
- The need to focus more on the prevention of litter and the reduction in the use of plastic packaging
- The need to embed Health in Everything
- The need to maintain the high level of service that Streetscene provide
- Clarification of the statistics related to smoking

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee:-

(i) the Interim District Public Health Development Officer be thanked for her presentation;

(ii) the report and presentation be noted.
Councillor Session

Councillor R J Draper had submitted the following item for consideration by the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Paragraph 2.7(c)(ii) of the Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules:-

"In pursuance of the Council’s intention to work towards Dementia Friendly Council status, this Scrutiny Committee believes that this authority should appoint a champion from each political group on the Council to deliver a united, cross-party approach to ensuring that the Council is an organisation fit for all whose lives are touched by Dementia within our Borough."

In response, the Committee discussed the following aspects of the Councillor Session Item:-

- Dementia was not a political issue
- Training had been arranged for all Members of the Council
- The complexities associated with Dementia
- Training would help to raise awareness
- The need to also support carers
- The need for empathy and understanding

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

Members Item

Councillor L Nixon had submitted the following Members Items for consideration by the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee in accordance with paragraph 2.8 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules:-

“1 Is the Council currently undertaking an audit of the House of Bread?

2 What measures are currently being put in place by Stafford Borough Council to assist the health and well-being of residents experiencing food poverty?”

In response, the Cabinet Member (Community Portfolio) replied that Council was not currently undertaking an audit of the House of Bread and were therefore not charging them any money. He continued by explaining the initiatives in place to assist Borough residents to come out of food poverty.

Following a response to a query raised concerning the House of Bread, the Cabinet Member (Community Portfolio) explained the results of a previous review and the subsequent measures that had been put in place.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Members items be noted.
Performance Update Report

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager relating to the performance management for those areas within the remit of the Committee for the quarter 4 period up to 31 March 2018.

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

- Thanks to Streetscene for their work during the recent Iron Man competition through Stafford
- Promotion of the forthcoming Community Awards Scheme
- The work of Street Pastors
- The White Ribbon in Sport campaign
- Taxi licensing enforcement operations
- The increase in reported crimes
- The appropriate route to report safeguarding issues
- Statutory homelessness statistics
- Hospital discharge protocols
- Homelessness interventions
- Health and wellbeing projects

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.

Business Planning Report

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V1 15/5/18) which presented Members with a review of the programme of business considered by the Committee in 2017/18.

The Committee were informed that during the last year they had considered a wide variety of issues in support of the Council’s Corporate Business Objective to improve the quality of life of local people by providing a safe, clean, attractive place to live and work and encouraging people to be engaged in developing strong communities and promote health and wellbeing.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the report be approved and submitted as the Annual Report to the Council.
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 (V1 2/7/18) for forthcoming meetings up to March 2019.

The Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager advised Members that the Committee’s future work would be delivered through detailed Delivery Plans for Business Objective 2.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Work Programme (V1 2/7/18) be approved.

Richard Lawrence

The Chairman announced that this was Richard Lawrence’s last Scrutiny Committee meeting and all Members joined her in wishing him all the very best in his new position.

CHAIRMAN