Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 12 March 2019

Chairman - Councillor A P Edgeller

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

Councillors:
R P Cooke
I E Davies
J W Farnham
A S Harp
E G R Jones
D B Price
G O Rowlands
R M Sutherland

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

Also Present - Staffordshire County Councillor C V Trowbridge

Officers in attendance:-

Mrs E Fullagar - Chief Accountant
Mrs A Nevin - Health and Housing Manager
Mrs T Redpath - Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager
Mr R Simpson - Customer Services Group Manager
Miss K Harrold - District Public Health Officer
Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

CWB35 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 8 January 2019, having been published in Digest No 251 were submitted and signed.

CWB36 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors V E M Jenkinson (Substitute E G R Jones) and W S J Taylor.

The Committee passed on their best wishes to Councillor V E M Jenkinson during her recent period of ill health.
CWB37  **Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee**

Considered the report of Councillor A P Edgeller (V1 25/2/19) on matters considered by the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee at their previous meeting held on 4 February 2019.

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

CWB38  **Health in All Policies - A Progress Update**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Development (V2 13/02/19) concerning the progress of work undertaken in respect of Health in All Policies (HiAP), following the previous report made to the meeting of this Committee held on 6 November 2018 (Minute No CWB20/18 refers).

The report identified the following four priority areas of work for 2018/19:-

- Forward Planning and supporting the Review of the Local Plan
- Development Management
- Workplace Health
- Health and Housing Services

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Member (Community Portfolio), the Health and Housing Manager and the District Public Health Development Officer:-

- An explanation of the ways in which Stafford Indoor Market could be more Dementia Friendly
- The ways in which the retail and entertainment sectors in the Borough could be more Dementia Friendly
- The need to ensure the provision of high quality homes with access to visible green space, particularly in the northern part of Stafford town
- An explanation of the Community Connectors schemes and the benefits they provided
- The need to address traffic pressure points across the Borough
- Concerns over the lack of community transportation, particularly in rural areas and examples of various alternative models across the Borough

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

CWB39  **Performance Reporting 2018-21**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager and the Head of Finance that provided an update for the performance and financial reporting for the quarter 3 period up to 31 December 2018.
The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Member (Community Portfolio), the Cabinet Member (Environment and Health Portfolio), the Cabinet Member (Leisure Portfolio), the Health and Housing Manager, the Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager, the Customer Services Group Manager and the Chief Accountant:

- LI21 - % of volunteers reporting an improvement in personal health and wellbeing
- LI25 - No of empty homes brought back into use
- LI26 - No of energy efficiency measures installed
- LI28 - No of homeless preventions, including details of the numbers of rough sleepers in Stafford
- LI32 - % of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting - the need for disaggregated figures for composting and recycling
- 2.1.2 - To implement education campaigns to highlight the effects of fly tipping and the penalties for those caught
- 2.1.5 - Monitor the air quality of the Borough to ensure a healthy air environment for our future
- 2.1.6 - Refresh Streetscene strategy to ensure it is focused on retaining high quality environments in neighbourhoods, parks and Town Centres
- 2.1.9 - Review suitability of existing depot and develop investment proposals to ensure depot is fit for purpose and allows the service to meet its full potential
- 2.3.5 - Support community groups who wish to undertake litter picks
- 2.8.7 - To ensure that the authority adheres to its statutory duty in respect of domestic homicide reviews
- 2.8.8 - To support the arrangements for the Safer Neighbourhood Panel to ensure that there is transparency in relation to activities commissioned to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the Borough - the Committee agreed to write to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to their concerns over the withdrawal of the Council's co-ordination of the Stafford Safer Neighbourhood Panel
- 2.10.1 - Provide a comprehensive housing options service to prevent homelessness and support people into sustainable accommodation
- 2.10.2 - Ensure sufficient, well managed provision of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation
- 2.10.3 - Ensure good housing standards in the private sector
- Clarification of reduced dog warden costs
- An explanation for the reduced income due to empty caravans on the Glover Street site
- An explanation for the reduced public conveniences costs
- The provision of defibrillators at the Borough’s leisure centres
- Concerns over the slippages to the Leisure Capital Portfolio
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.

CWB40 **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 25/2/19) for forthcoming meetings up to March 2020.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Work Programme (V1 25/2/19) be approved.

CWB41 **Vote of Thanks to Retiring Members**

As this was the last scheduled meeting, the Chairman thanked all the Members of the Committee for their contributions and support during the past four years. In particular the Chairman led a vote of thanks to all the retiring Members that were not seeking re-election on 2 May 2019, including Councillors J W Farnham, F A Finlay, D B Price and G O Rowlands.

CHAIRMAN