

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

D B Price

G O Rowlands

R M Sutherland

W S J Taylor

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 S Pote - Customer Services Manager

Mrs T Redpath - Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager

Mr R Simpson - Customer Services Group Manager

Mrs S Taylor - Interim District Public Health Development Officer

Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

CWB17 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 4 September 2018, having been published in Digest No 247 were submitted and signed.

CWB18 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor V E M Jenkinson.

CWB19 Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee

Considered the report of Councillor A P Edgeller (V1 22/10/18) on matters considered by the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee at their previous meetings held on 17 September and 29 October 2018.

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

CWB20 Health in All Policies - A Progress Update

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Development (V2 19/10/18) concerning the progress of work undertaken in respect of Health in All Policies (HiAP), following the introductory presentation delivered at the meeting of this Committee held on 10 July 2018 (Minute No CWB3/18 refers).

The report provided progress on the following:-

- The varied work undertaken to embed health in planning
- Collaborations with Human Resources and the Benefits Teams to embed health and wellbeing
- Changes to local partnerships structures
- The development of an action plan to further roll out the HiAP approach

In response, the Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Interim District Public Health Development Officer:-

- Health concerns over the sustainability of village settlements
- The need for good partnership working with Staffordshire County Council, particularly with rural transportation
- The opportunities for Community Connectors to assist with transportation in rural areas

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

CWB21 Food Safety Service Plan 2018-2021 and Food Safety Annual Report 2017-2018

The Customer Services Group Manager introduced the report of the Head of Operations (V1 18/10/18) in relation to the Food Safety Service Plan 2018-2021 and the Food Safety Annual report 2017-2018.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the reports with the Cabinet Member (Environment Portfolio) and the Customer Services Group Manager:-

- Confirmation of staffing levels
- Clarification of responsibility for sampling
- Maintenance of the Food Premises Database
- Food Allergens
- An explanation of unrated premises
- Inspections of new premises

- Concern that it was still not mandatory for premises to display their Food Hygiene Rating
- Promotion of the Rate My Place food rating scheme
- Programme for re-inspection
- Identification of new food businesses

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Food Safety Service Plan 2018-2021 and the Food Safety Annual report 2017-2018 be noted.

CWB22 Health and Safety Service Plan 2018-2021 and Health and Safety Annual Report 2017-2018

The Customer Services Group Manager introduced the report of the Head of Operations (V1 19/10/18) in relation to the Health and Service Plan 2018-2021 and the Health and Safety Annual Report 2017/18.

The Committee discussed the following aspect of the reports with the Cabinet Member (Environment Portfolio) and the Customer Services Group Manager:-

- Clarification of animal welfare regulations
- Clarification of Section 18 compliance and peer reviews
- Concern over the identification of new premises and maintenance of the database
- Clarification of the licensing regime for fireworks and the need for new legislation

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Health and Service Plan 2018-2021 and the Health and Safety Annual Report 2017/18 be noted.

CWB23 Air Quality

The Customer Services Group Manager introduced the report of the Head of Operations (V1 19/10/18) in relation to the work 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 report also included the Council's Air Quality Strategy.

The Committee discussed the following aspect of the reports with the Cabinet Member (Environment Portfolio) and the Customer Services Group Manager:-

- Air pollution monitoring equipment
- The effect of the smart M6 motorway on the pollution of adjacent housing throughout the Borough
- The need for minimum air quality standards for buses in Stafford and consideration of a non-idling policy
- The use of trees to monitor air pollution

- Clarification of PM_{2.5} and mortality rates in Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent
- The need to constantly identify high levels of traffic pollution at various parts across the Borough

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

CWB24 Fees and Charges Review 2019

This matter had been considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 1 November 2018 and was submitted to this Committee for consultation.

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (V2 26/10/18) which proposed to the Council the Fees and Charges for 2019.

In response, the Committee queried the cost of bowling charges for the three pitches in the Borough with the Chief Accountant and the Customer Services Group Manager.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the decision of the Cabinet as set out in Minute No CAB30/18, regarding the proposed Fees and Charges Review for 2019, be noted.

CWB25 Performance Report

The Committee were provided with the performance and financial management details for those areas within the remit of the Committee for the quarter 2 period up to 30 September 2018.

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

- LI18 - % Reduction in fly tipping recorded - the reasons behind the temporary suspension of recording
- LI23 - % of taxis in a satisfactory condition when inspected as part of a licensing compliance condition on inspections - the reasons behind the temporary suspension of recording
- LI25 - No of empty homes brought back into use - the need for a more accurate target next year
- LI28 - No of homeless preventions - the reasons for the underperformance
- LI32 - % of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting - the reasons for the under performance
- 2.2.1 - Continue to formulate the HLF project to restore Victoria Park - the reasons for the delay to the scheme

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.

CWB26 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 22/10/18) for forthcoming meetings up to March 2019.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Work Programme (V1 22/10/18) be approved.

CHAIRMAN