Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 8 January 2019

Chairman - Councillor A P Edgeller

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

Councillors:
R P Cooke  V E M Jenkinson
I E Davies  D B Price
J W Farnham  G O Rowlands
A S Harp  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
Mr M Thornewill  -  Cultural Services Manager
Mr P Gammon  -  Neighbourhood Services Group Manager
Mrs V Ashcroft  -  Principal Corporate Business and Partnership Officer
Mrs V Cooper  -  Senior Corporate Business and Partnership Officer
Mr A Bailey  -  Scrutiny Officer

CWB27 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 6 November 2018, having been published in Digest No 249 were submitted and signed.

CWB28 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor W S J Taylor.
Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee

Considered the report of Councillor A P Edgeller (V1 12/12/18) on matters considered by the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee at their previous meeting held on 3 December 2018.

During the discussion that ensued, concern was expressed over the lack of response to consultations from the Clinical Commissioning Group on planning applications in the Borough and it was agreed that these matters be raised with both the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee and the Local Strategic Partnership.

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

(a) the failure of the Clinical Commissioning Group to respond to consultations on planning applications in the Borough be raised with both the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee and the Local Strategic Partnership;

(b) the report be noted.

Community Wellbeing Partnership - Update

This matter had been considered by Cabinet on 3 January 2019 and was submitted to this Committee for consultation.

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager (V1 18/12/18) that provided Members with an update on the work that had been undertaken by the Community Wellbeing Partnership.

The Committee received a presentation from the Principal Corporate Business and Partnership Officer and the Senior Corporate Business and Partnership Officer, which covered the following areas, including outcomes achieved and future plans:-

- Background and Introduction
- Supporting Schools Programme
- Supporting Schools Website
- Anti Social Behaviour and Criminal Exploitation
- Domestic Abuse
- Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health
- Safe Neighbourhood Panels

In response, the Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Member - Community Portfolio, the Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager, the Principal Corporate Business and Partnership Officer and the Senior Corporate Business and Partnership Officer:-
• Clarification of the work of ReSolv
• Feedback on the promotion of the Supporting Schools Website and the need to engage with School Governors
• Further information on the Right Stuff Programme
• Mental Health in Schools
• Neighbourhood Watch

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

(a) the Principal Corporate Business and Partnership Officer and the Senior Corporate Business and Partnership Officer be thanked for their presentation and to be invited to present progress to the committee every six months;

(b) the Committee be provided with further details of the Supporting Schools Website and the toolkit being developed by ReSolv;

(c) the decision of the Cabinet, as set out in Minute CAB45/19, regarding the work that had been undertaken by the Community Wellbeing Partnership, be noted.


This matter had been considered by Cabinet on 6 December 2018 and was submitted to this Committee for consultation.


The report related to the following:-

• The detailed portfolio revenue budget;

• The variations between the indicative budgets for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021, as set out last year, and the proposed budget for 2019/2020 and the draft budget for the following years to 2021/2022;


The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Member - Community Portfolio, the Chief Accountant, the Health and Housing Manager and the Customer Services Group Manager:-
• The need for a future training session in order for Members to be able to fully understand the budget reports and their implications
• Private Sector Housing (Standards) Employee Expenses
• Partnerships Income
• Homelessness and Housing Advice Supplies and Services
• Glover Street Net Expenditure
• CCTV Net Expenditure
• Premises Related Costs
• Homelessness and Additional Bed and Breakfast Costs

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the decision of the Cabinet, as set out in Minute CAB36(v)/18, regarding the draft detailed Community Portfolio revenue budget for 2018/2019 - 2021/2022 and the draft Community Portfolio Capital Programme for 2018/2019 - 2021/2022, be noted.


This matter had been considered by Cabinet on 6 December 2018 and was submitted to this Committee for consultation.


The report related to the following:-

• The detailed portfolio revenue budget;

• The variations between the indicative budgets for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021, as set out last year, and the proposed budget for 2019/2020 and the draft budget for the following years to 2021/2022;


The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Member - Environment and Health Portfolio and the Chief Accountant:-

• Management and Support Supplies and Services Income
• Strategic Health Delivery Total Expenditure
• Partnerships and Environmental Management Employee Expenses
• Waste and Recycling Supplies and Services
• Streetscene Third Party Payments
• Pest Control Total Income
• Riverway Site Improved Depot Facilities
RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the decision of the Cabinet, as set out in Minute CAB36(vi)/18, regarding the draft detailed Environment Portfolio revenue budget for 2018/2019 - 2021/2022 and the draft Environment Portfolio Capital Programme for 2018/2019 - 2021/2022, be noted.


This matter had been considered by Cabinet on 6 December 2018 and was submitted to this Committee for consultation.


The report related to the following:-

- The detailed portfolio revenue budget;
- The variations between the indicative budgets for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021, as set out last year, and the proposed budget for 2019/2020 and the draft budget for the following years to 2021/2022;

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Member - Leisure Portfolio and the Chief Accountant:-

- Stafford Gatehouse Theatre Supplies and Services
- Leisure Strategy Employee Expenses
- Parks and Open Spaces Total Income

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the decision of the Cabinet, as set out in Minute CAB36(iv)/18, regarding the draft detailed Leisure Portfolio revenue budget for 2018/2019 - 2021/2022 and the draft Leisure Portfolio Capital Programme for 2018/2019 - 2021/2022, be noted.

CWB34 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 (V2 21/12/18) for forthcoming meetings up to March 2019.
RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Work Programme (V2 21/12/18) be approved.

CHAIRMAN