

Chair - Councillor J Hood

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

Councillors:

C A Baron

A R G Brown

A G Cooper

A P Edgeller

A D Hobbs

L Nixon

R M Sutherland

M J Winnington

Cabinet Member - Councillor J K Price - Environment Portfolio

Cabinet Member - Councillor J M Pert - Community and Health Portfolio

Cabinet Member - Councillor R M Smith - Resources Portfolio

Cabinet member - Councillor C V Trowbridge - Leisure Portfolio

Also Present:-

Officers in attendance:-

Mr R Simpson - Interim Head of Operations

Mrs L Harvey - Regulatory Services Manager

Mrs E Fullagar - Chief Accountant

Mr P Gammon - Neighbourhood Services Group Manager

Mrs A Nevin - Health and Housing Manager

Mrs V Cooper - Community Safety Lead

Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

CWB19 **Minutes**

The Cabinet Member (Environment Portfolio) confirmed that a letter had been sent on behalf of the Council to the Local Government Association requesting their support for the re-introduction of the Non-Domestic Rating Public Lavatories Bill, the protection of public toilets and encouraging business owners to allow the public to use their toilet facilities.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 12 September 2019, as published in Digest No 261 were then submitted and signed.

CWB20 **Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R J Barron.

CWB21 **Members Items**

Councillor A D Hobbs had submitted the following items under Paragraph 2.8 of the Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules:-

“Breastfeeding is sustainable and free, it is a child's first immunisation against disease, poverty and mortality. It is also an investment in physical, cognitive, and social capacity. What can Stafford Borough Council do to promote breastfeeding in the borough to make Stafford's children healthier and happier.”

In response, the Cabinet Member (Community and Health Portfolio) confirmed that the promotion of breastfeeding was a matter for the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee and not Stafford Borough Council.

Councillor A P Edgeller confirmed that as the Council's representative on the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee, she would refer the matter to Staffordshire County Council.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Members' Items be referred to the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

CWB22 **Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee**

Considered the report of Councillor A P Edgeller on matters considered by the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee at their previous meetings held on 16 September and 9 October 2019.

During the ensuing discussion, concern was expressed in relation to the inadequate rating of five Clinical Commissioning Groups in Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire and the failure to meet the 62 day pathway target for cancer services.

Councillor A P Edgeller confirmed that as the Council's representative on the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee, she would refer these matters to Staffordshire County Council.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Committee's concerns relating to the 2019 Clinical Commissioning Groups Annual Assessments and the targets for cancer services, be conveyed to the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee

CWB23 **Air Quality Annual Status Report 2019**

The Regulatory Services Manager introduced the report of the Interim Head of Operations (V1 9/10/19) 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's attention was also drawn to an updated 2019 Air Quality Annual Status Report that had been circulated separately to Members.

The Committee discussed the awarding of £350,000 Government funding for the provision of electric charging points for taxis across the Borough with the Regulatory Services Group Manager.

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

CWB24 Food Safety Annual Report 2018-2019

The Regulatory Services Manager introduced the report of the Interim Head of Operations (V1 5/9/19) in relation to the Food Safety Annual report 2018-2019.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the reports with the Cabinet Member (Environment Portfolio), the Interim Head of Operations and the Regulatory Services Manager:-

- Concerns relating to the selling of uncovered food in Stafford Town Centre
- The control of individual personal hygiene
- Food handling training
- Hygiene inspections and star ratings

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Food Safety Annual report 2018-2019 be noted.

CWB25 Health and Safety Annual Report 2018-2019

The Regulatory Services Manager introduced the report of the Interim Head of Operations (V1 09/10/19) in relation to the Health and Safety Annual Report 2018-19.

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

- The time restrictions imposed on fireworks
- The reasons for the delay in health and safety inspections undertaken
- Provisions in the Staffordshire Act
- Continuous professional development

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Health and Safety Annual Report 2018-19 be noted.

CWB26 Fees and Charges Review 2020

This matter had been considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 7 November 2019 and was submitted to this Committee for consultation.

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (V1 1/11/19) which proposed to the Council the Fees and Charges for 2020.

The Committee discussed the new charge for a biodegradable urn containing cremated remains with the Interim Head of Operations and the Neighbourhood 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 CAB48/19, regarding the proposed Fees and Charges Review for 2020, be noted.

CWB27 Performance Reporting 2018-21

The Committee considered the performance and financial management details for those areas within the remit of the Committee for the quarter 2 period up to 30 September 2019.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Member (Community and Health Portfolio), the Cabinet Member (Leisure Portfolio), the Interim Head of Operations, the Health and Housing Manager and the Chief Accountant:-

- L117 - % of homeless cases closed through relief - an explanation of the work undertaken
- L118 - No of Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) completed - an update on the work with Millbrook Healthcare
- 2.1.6 - Provision of new, accessible and safe taxi ranks - an update on the work with Staffordshire County Council Highways
- 2.2.1 - Deliver the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) project to restore Victoria Park - an update on the programme of work undertaken in Victoria Park
- 2.7.2 - Ensure sufficient, well managed provision of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation - an explanation of the Environment Agency's concerns in relation to the refurbishment of Glover Street
- Clarification of the Disabled Facilities Grant Capital Programme spend

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the performance management data relating to areas of activity within this Committee's remit be noted.

CWB28 Work Programme - Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Considered the report of the Interim Head of Law and Administration, which presented the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme for the forthcoming meetings up to February 2020.

The Committee noted that the next meeting had been rescheduled to 13 January 2020.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Work Programme be approved.

CHAIR