

Chairman - Councillor

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

Councillors:

A G Cooper

A M Loughran

A P Edgeller

R M Sutherland

A D Hobbs

M J Winnington

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

Cabinet Member - Councillor J K Price - Environment Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

Mr R Simpson - Head of Operations

Dr T Redpath - Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager

Mrs A Nevin - Health and Housing Manager

Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

CWB1 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 2 March 2021, as published in Digest No 274, were submitted and signed.

CWB2 Apologies

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors R J Barron, L Nixon (Substitute A M Loughran) and A N Pearce.

CWB3 Health and Care and Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Considered the report of Councillor J Hood (V2 13/07/21) on matters considered by the Health and Care and Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their previous meetings held on 16 March, 7 June and 5 July 2021.

The Committee raised the following issues contained within the report:-

- The Journey Towards an Integrated Care System - Stakeholder Update - The need to ensure that the needs of Stafford Borough Residents were met
- Care Homes for Older People: Implications of COVID for County Council Strategy - The need to mitigate for any potential loss of support

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

CWB4 Community Recovery Update

The Committee considered the report (V1 08/07/21) which updated Members on the work that had been undertaken as part of the Community Recovery Workstream.

The Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager explained that there were huge difficulties and challenges that lay ahead for all of the recovery workstreams as the Council navigated through a third lockdown and continue to respond to the pandemic at the same time as delivering business as usual. The community recovery workstream aimed to gain an understanding of the longer-term impact of the pandemic and this was being kept under constant review as the landscape was subject to continual change. The report set out the progress being made in quarter four in relation to community recovery.

The Committee raised the following issues contained within the report:-

- The longer term strategy for the provision of support to the clinically extremely residents of the Borough
- The composition of the Community Recovery Group

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

CWB5 Quarter 4 Performance Reporting

The Committee considered the performance management details for those areas within the remit of the Committee for the quarter 4 period up to 31 March 2021 (V1 22/6/21).

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

- LI13 - 50 Empty Homes brought back into use following officer interventions
- LI16 - % of homeless cases closed through prevention
- LI17 - % of homeless cases closed through relief
- LI53 - Reported incidents of domestic abuse
- 2.1.1 - Investigate appropriate Enviro-Crime complaints within 72 hours of receipt – agreed (i) that a letter of thanks to be sent to Streetscene on behalf of the Committee, for their gratitude on the work that they have undertaken during the Pandemic; (ii) Investigate whether Streetscene could be nominated for a Community Award
- 2.1.6 - provision of new, accessible and safe taxi ranks
- 2.2.1 - Deliver the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) project to restore Victoria Park

- 2.4.2 - Support the co-ordination of high profile events in the Borough, for example those run by Freedom Leisure as part of the Leisure and Cultural Partnership project
- 2.4.3 - Promote and maximise the use of Stafford and Stone Town Centres by utilising market demonstration areas and consent streets.
- 2.5.1 - To assist in the operational delivery of, and lead on, the implementation of specific initiatives in respect of domestic abuse; anti-social behaviour, criminal exploitation, substance misuse and mental health
- 2.7.2 - Ensure sufficient, well managed provision of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation

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

- (a) a letter of thanks to be sent to Streetscene on behalf of the Committee, for their gratitude on the work that they have undertaken during the Pandemic;
- (b) Investigate whether Streetscene could be nominated for a Community Award;
- (c) the performance management data relating to areas of activity within this Committee's remit be noted.

CWB6 Business Planning Report

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V1 06/05/21) which presented Members with a review of the programme of business considered by the Committee in 2019/21.

The Committee noted that during the last Municipal Year they had considered a wide variety issues in areas within the remit of the Committee and raised the following issues:-

- A Request for a Green project
- Suicide Prevention
- Assistance with Council Tax Arrears

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the report be approved and submitted as the Annual Report to the Council.

CWB7 Work Programme - Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V1 08/07/21), which presented the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme for the forthcoming meeting in March 2022.

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

CHAIR