

Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Thursday 23 March 2023

Chair - Councillor J Hood

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

Councillors:

R J Barron A M Loughran A G Cooper A N Pearce P W Jones R M Sutherland

A D Hobbs

Cabinet Member - Councillor J M Pert - Community Portfolio Cabinet Member - Councillor M J Winnington - Environment Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

Dr T Redpath - Interim Head of Corporate Business and Partnerships
Mr L Booth - Interim Neighbourhood Services Group Manager

Ms V Cooper - Community Safety Lead
Ms A Nevin - Health and Housing Manager

Ms S Taylor - Lead Officer, Health and Housing Strategy

Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

CWB33 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 10 January 2023, as previously published on the Council's website, were submitted.

CWB34 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A P Edgeller, J A Nixon (Substitute P W Jones) and M Phillips.

CWB35 Health and Care and Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Considered the report of Councillor J Hood (V1 7/3/23) on matters considered by the Health and Care and Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their previous meetings held on 28 November 2022, 30 January and 13 February 2023.

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

CWB36 Presentation by Support Staffordshire

The Committee received a presentation concerning the work of Support Staffordshire.

Ms A Saxton and Ms A Holmes from Support Staffordshire made reference to the following issues during their presentation:-

- Who We Are and What We Do
- The South West Team
- Volunteering Team
- Fund Raising Team
- Consultancy and Research Teams
- Our Offer to Voluntary and Community Groups in Stafford
- Offer Diverse Volunteering Opportunities ... Promote Wellbeing, Friendship and Fun
- Organise and Host Events ... To Connect the Community
- Empower Through Training
- Partnership Work
- Locality Officer Role
- Awarded Local Infrastructure Quality accreditation
- For More Information Please Get in Touch

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the presentation:-

- The differences between Support Staffordshire and other organisations such as VAST, Skivys and the former Community Council of Staffordshire
- Sources of funding, income and fees for training
- The need to interact with other organisations that require assistance

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

- (a) Ms A Saxton and Ms A Holmes from Support Staffordshire be thanked for their presentation;
- (b) the presentation be noted.

CWB37 Quarter 3 Performance Report

The Committee considered the performance management details for those areas within the remit of the Committee for the quarter 3 period up to 31 December 2022 (V1 7/3/23).

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

- LI7 % of homeless cases resolved through prevention
- LI8 % of homeless cases resolved through relief

- LI11 Empty homes brought back into use following officer interventions
- 2.2.3 Monitoring of construction works associated with major infrastructure e.g. M6 Smart Motorways and HS2
- 2.3,1 Support partners to set up initiatives to improve and enhance the health and wellbeing of residents
- 2.3.3 Support the promotion of and use of town centres in the Borough
- 2.4.1 To assist in the operational delivery of, and lead on, the implementation of specific initiatives that support the reduction of crime and vulnerability in the Borough (as per the recommendations in the Community Safety Strategic Assessment)
- 2.4.2 To ensure that the authority adheres to its statutory responsibility in respect of the Prevent, Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse (DHR's)
- 2.5.2 Ensure good housing standards are delivered in the private sector

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.

CWB38 Work Programme - Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V1 7/3/23), which presented the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme for the forthcoming meetings up to March 2024.

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

CWB39 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED:- that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst the next following item of business be discussed, on the grounds that it includes the disclosure of exempt information of the type specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Recording of the meeting was suspended at this time.

CWB40 Presentation on Disabled Facilities Grants

The Committee received a presentation concerning Disabled Facilities Grants.

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

(a)	the Lead Officer, Health and Housing Strategy be
	thanked for her presentation;

(b) the presentation be noted.

CHAIR