

# Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 5 September 2023

Chairman - Councillor A P Edgeller

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

Councillors:

K M Aspin B McKeown
A D Hobbs L Nixon
E G R Jones J T Rose
P W Jones J Thorley

P A Leason

Also present Councillors A T A Godfrey, G P K Pardesi and J M Pert

Officers in attendance:-

A Nevin - Head of Wellbeing

L Booth - Interim Neighbourhood Services Group Manager

V Cooper - Partnerships Manager

J Dean - Democratic Services Officer

Also present:-

L Hulse - Freedom Leisure A Harrison - Freedom Leisure

#### CWB9 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2023, as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record.

### CWB10 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J A Barron (substituted by Councillor B McKeown) J A Nixon (substituted by Councillor E G R Jones) and J Hood.

## CWB11 Freedom Leisure Annual Report 2022/23 - Part Confidential

Considered a report providing Members with the Freedom Leisure Annual Report relating to the period from April 2022 to March 2023 in respect of the Leisure and Cultural Services contract that Freedom Leisure manage on behalf of the Council.

Councillor A P Edgeller asked Member to note that the confidential part of the report would not be discussed at this meeting, and would be considered by the Resources Scrutiny Committee as appropriate.

L Hulse and A Harrison, Freedom Leisure, led Members through the associated appendix to the report, detailing any salient points for Members attention. Arising from consideration of the Annual Report in was confirmed that the decision regarding the venue for the 2024 Shakespeare production would be made before December 2023.

Freedom Leisure were in discussions with the Council regarding the installation of heat pumps at their venues, and it was noted that solar panels had not yet been installed at Stone Leisure Centre.

Members subsequently voted on the recommendation as set out, which was declared to be carried.

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

The Chairman thanked the representatives of Freedom

Councillor B McKeown suggested providing Members with a tour of the Borough (as previously cancelled due to a poor response) - feasibility to be investigated by Officers.

#### **CWB12** Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Considered the report of Councillor A P Edgeller on matters considered by the Health and Care and Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meetings held on 24 and 31 July 2023.

Councillor Edgeller confirmed that a Committee was to be convened to consider adult social care enhanced assurance issues, and undertook to report back on proposed measures to reduce system pressures as detailed on page 6 of the agenda.

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

#### CWB13 Quarter 1 Performance Report for 2023-24

Considered a report providing Members with an update on performance for Quarter 1 of 2023-2024 for those areas under the remit of the Committee.

During consideration of the report Officers responded accordingly to questions relating to:-

- New support initiatives for the promotion of community health and wellbeing;
- Efforts to increase air quality within the Borough (to be reported to the next meeting of the Committee);
- Performance indicators LI4, LI6 and LI53

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

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) a letter be sent to Officers of Street Scene complimenting them for their efforts in maintain Victoria Park and Stonefield Park, particularly during the current period of dry weather.

The Interim Neighbourhood Services Group Manager offered to arrange a site visit for Members to the waste recovery centre, should there be sufficient interest.

## **CWB14** Work Programme - Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Considered a report presenting the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's work programme.

Councillor Edgeller updated Members on a matter raised at the last meeting of the Committee by confirming that the Crisis Centre at St George's Hospital had no age restrictions.

Members duly voted on the recommendation as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the work programme be noted, subject to the amendments as agreed.

CHAIR