

Chairman - Councillor A P Edgeller

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

Councillors:

E G R Jones

P W Jones

P A Leason

D M McNaughton

L Nixon

J S Powell

J T Rose

J Thorley

Also in attendance, Councillor J Hood - Cabinet Member (Community Portfolio)

Officers in attendance:-

A Nevin - Head of Wellbeing

N Samrai - Head of Housing and Corporate Assets

G Whitehouse - Head of Regulatory Services

L Booth - Streetscene Manager

J Allen - Democratic Services Officer

CWB1 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2026, as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record.

CWB2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor J A Nixon (substituted by Councillor P W Jones).

CWB3 County Councillor - Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

County Councillor A Orlandi-Fantini was not in attendance.

A link to the County Council website for agendas and minutes had been shared with the agenda.

Councillor A P Edgeller summarised the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15 June 2026:

- Dentistry - most practices are private
- Mental Health support for children and also those of nursery age

- County Hospital - more services are now taking place. There was a request to re-open Accident and Emergency.
- Mental Health Crisis Centre at House of Bread
- In 2028-29 there will be neighbourhood mental health centres - the first will be in Hanley.

CWB4 Scrutiny Annual Report

Head of Wellbeing presented the report which highlighted the work of the three scrutiny committees over the past year.

RESOLVED:- that:

- a) in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee, the report be noted;
- b) the report be recommended for submission to Council

CWB5 End of Year Performance Report 2025-26

Head of Wellbeing stated that the Housing Strategy is currently on hold as central government have introduced a new strategy that needs to be in place by 31 March 2027.

Head of Wellbeing to provide a list of organisations that have received money from the small grant scheme and the criteria for receiving funding to the next Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

Streetscene Manager reported that the Food Waste service has started well with a better than expected take up. Continuing, he stated that there is likely to be a communications update in approx. 6 months to remind residents what can go into the caddy. The committee asked for any data to be shared with the committee when it is available.

Head of Regulatory Services gave a summary regarding the training with Keele University. A link to LGA resources to be shared.

A discussion took place regarding the new Tree Management system. It was noted that various posts are currently being advertised.

Streetscene Manager reported that there will be a rollout of new bins and benches in Stone and Stafford to replace those that have fallen into disrepair.

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

CWB6 Work Programme

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Governance presenting the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's work programme.

Chair to invite Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service to do a presentation to all Councillors at 6pm on 3 December, prior to the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the work programme be noted.

CHAIR

Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Wednesday 23 September 2026 at 6:30pm

Report Deadline: Tuesday 8 September 2026

Officer Reports: **Staffordshire Women's Aid Presentation**
Head of Wellbeing

Housing Plus Presentation
Head of Wellbeing

Disabled Facilities Grants Presentation
Head of Wellbeing

Q1 Performance Report
Heads of Wellbeing/Operations/Regulatory Services

Work Programme
Head of Law and Governance

Thursday 3 December 2026 at 6:30pm (to be preceded by presentation from
Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service at 6pm)

Report Deadline: Thursday 19 November 2026

Officer Reports: **Veolia Annual Report 2025-26 and Waste and
Recycling Update**
Head of Operations

Freedom Leisure Annual Report 2025-26
Head of Wellbeing

Q2 Performance Report
Heads of Wellbeing/Operations/Regulatory Services

Work Programme
Head of Law and Governance

Wednesday 17 March 2027 at 6:30pm

Report Deadline: Tuesday 2 March 2027

Officer Reports:

- Community Wellbeing Partnership Presentation**
Head of Wellbeing
- Streetscene Update**
Streetscene Manager
- Q3 Performance Report**
Heads of Wellbeing/Operations/Regulatory Services
- Work Programme**
Head of Law and Governance

Future Items:

- Obesity and Diabetes - joint with County Council
- Provision of properties for independent living (large scale development)
- Biodiversity / Air Quality in Town Centre and outside schools
- Simpler Recycling - C Grade Plastics
- Bereavement and Loss
- Children in Care / Housing
- Turning Point Presentation
- Tree Management and Tree Protection Orders
- Increase in “fast” cremations
- Food Safety Annual Report
- Air Quality Status Annual Report
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue (prior to future scrutiny committee)