

Local Members' Interest
N/A

Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 14 September 2020

District and Borough Health Scrutiny Activity

Recommendation

1. That the report be received, and consideration be given to any matters arising from the Health Scrutiny activity being undertaken by the Staffordshire District and Borough Councils, as necessary.

Report of the Scrutiny and Support Manager

Background

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2001 confers on local authorities with social services functions powers to undertake scrutiny of health matters. The County Council currently have responsibility for social services functions but, to manage health scrutiny more effectively, they have agreed with the eight District/Borough Councils in the County to operate joint working arrangements.
3. Each District/Borough Council has a committee dealing with health scrutiny matters that have a specifically local theme. The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee will continue to deal with matters that impact on the whole or large parts of the County.
4. The following is a summary of the health scrutiny activity which has been undertaken at the District/Borough Council level since the previous meeting of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

Cannock Chase District Council

5. The next meeting of Cannock Chase District Council's Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will be held on Tuesday 17 November 2020. Therefore, an update on the matters considered will be made to the next available meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

East Staffordshire Borough Council

6. The next meeting of East Staffordshire Borough Council's Scrutiny Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being Committee will be held on Thursday 24 September 2020. Therefore, an update on the matters considered will be made to the next available meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

Lichfield District Council

7. The next meeting of Lichfield District Council's Community Housing and Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee will be held on Tuesday 15 September 2020. Therefore, an update on the matters considered will be made to the next available meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

8. The next meeting of Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council's Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee will be held on 14 September 2020. Therefore, an update on the matters considered will be made to the next available meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

South Staffordshire District Council

9. It is anticipated an oral update on the work of South Staffordshire District Council's Wellbeing Select Committee will be made at the meeting of Health Staffordshire Select Committee.

Stafford Borough Council

10. The next meeting of Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny is due to be held on Tuesday 8 September 2020 and the following items have been included on the Agenda:-

- A presentation by the Leader of Staffordshire County Council and the Director of Public Health surrounding the epidemiology of the Covid-19 pandemic as it applies to each Borough, which aims to raise awareness and provide reassurance to elected Members together with an explanation of the limitations of what can be done, given the information we have available.
- An item from a Member of the Committee concerning suicide prevention;
- A report back on the activities of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee from its meetings held on 8 June 2020, 6 July 2020 and 10 August 2020;
- An update on Stafford Borough Council's Housing Allocations Policy;
- An update on Covid-19 Community Recovery Planning;
- The Final Accounts Position for the Services within the Committee's remit during 2019/20;
- An update on the Performance Reporting for Quarter 1 2020 – 2021 for services within the Committee's remit;
- The Work Programme for meetings of the Committee up to March 2021.

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

11. The next meeting of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel will be held on 30 September 2020 at which they will receive a presentation from local Clinical Commissioning Groups and Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust on Community Hospital provision in the District. An update will be given to the next available meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

Tamworth Borough Council

12. Tamworth Borough Council's Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 14 July 2020 at which they considered the following items:-

- Council Response to COVID-19 - an update on the actions taken to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing actions around the most vulnerable people in the local community focussing on (i) the immediate response from various anchor organisations which locally mobilised support to vulnerable groups; (ii) the deployment of Council resources to support the anchor organisations; (iii) the coordination work of the Local Resilience Forum; (iv) the tailored support for homeless people and; (v) the successful lottery bid for resources for the ongoing support over the next six months.
- Work Plan Review - Priority to be given to COVID-19 related matters at the upcoming meetings. Items identified for their meeting on 24 September 2020 include (i) Impact of COVID-19 on overall health treatments / issues; (ii) Impact on Young People of COVID-19 and; (iii) Food vulnerability and Healthy Eating.

Appendices/Background papers

Emails from (i) Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council (Denise French) dated 2 September 2020; (ii) Stafford Borough Council (Andrew Bailey) dated 19 August 2020; (iii) Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (Sally Hampton) dated 19 August 2020 and; (iv) Tamworth Borough Council (Jo Hutchinson) dated 19 August 2020 to Jonathan Lindop, Member and Democratic Services.

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