# Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 10 June 2019

## District and Borough Health Scrutiny Activity

#### Recommendation

1. That the report be received, and consideration given to any matters arising, as required.

#### **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 beginning of their municipal year.

## Cannock Chase District Council

- 5. The Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 29 January 2019 and again on 04 March 2019. Items considered focussed on the 2018-19 Committee Review of Obesity in the District and the actions taken to address it. In these meetings the Committee:
  - Received and considered a presentation from Staffordshire Public Health which outlined the role of public health and the current actions and programmes aimed at tackling obesity in the District;
  - Received and considered a presentation from Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles (the Council's Leisure provider) which outlined various programmes and initiatives being pursued in the District to encourage increased physical activity and healthy lifestyle choices;
  - Received local Healthwatch updates;
  - Reviewed progress with the main work programme item of a review into obesity levels in the District (see above)

## East Staffordshire Borough Council

6. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

## **Lichfield District Council**

7. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

## Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

8. At the 4 March meeting members of the Committee received a presentation from Staffordshire Police on Monkey Dust. The Cabinet Member subsequently wrote to the Home Office to ask for this drug to be reclassified at Category A. A copy of this letter was sent to the Staffordshire Commissioner for Police, Fire and Crime.

Representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Group presented to members on the future of local health services and members concluded that Option 5 was the most cost effective in the long term with an investment cost of  $\pounds$ 1.5m.

Finally, members received feedback on the Active Lives Children's Survey undertaken by Sport England and have asked Cabinet to look at the link between obesity and deprivation by ward and, with partners coordinate a Borough wide strategy to improve take up of out of school and physical activity opportunities by young people.

## South Staffordshire District Council

9. The next meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

# **Stafford Borough Council**

- 10. The last meeting of Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was held on **Tuesday 12 March 2019** during which the following items were considered:-
  - Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee a report back on the previous meeting of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee held on 4 February 2019.
  - Health in All Policies A Progress Update a report updating the Committee on the progress of the integration of the Health in All Policies strategy throughout Stafford Borough Council
  - **Performance Reporting 2018-21** a detailed analysis of the performance and financial monitoring of those services within the remit of the Scrutiny Committee for the quarter 3 period ending 31 December 2018
  - Work Programme a report outlining the Committee's Work Programme for meetings up to March 2020.

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is due to be held on 9 July 2019.

## **Staffordshire Moorlands District Council**

11. The next meeting will be held on 22 May 2019. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

## Tamworth Borough Council

- 12. The last meeting was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The main item of business covered Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of Abuse and Neglect. The Children & Families Safeguarding Officer provided a biannual safeguarding update to the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee covering:
  - The referral figures following the end of quarter 4 2018/19;
  - Safeguarding training which was now a rolling programme;
  - Taxi driving training which was focussed on issues relevant to the audience and had been well attended;

- Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board and Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Adult Safeguarding Board;
- Audit Safeguarding Board audit tool;
- Multi-Agency Partnership Working;
- Relevant checks when using third parties through Arts & Events;
- Suicide Procedure / Guidance.

The members of the Committee sought and received further information on the processes in place to deal with child sexual exploitation, which included working with other local authorities, awareness raising and the importance of early education and the work to build resilient children and families.

**Appendices/Background papers** (i) email from Cannock Chase 28 May 2019 (ii) email from Stafford Borough Council 4 May 2019; (iii) email from Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council 29 May 2019 (iv) email from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council 10 May 2019 (v) email from Tamworth Borough Council 20 May 2019. (vi) email from South Staffordshire 1 May 2019 (vii) No email received from Lichfield District Council. (viii) email from East Staffs Borough Council 1 May 2019.

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