

Local Members' Interest
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## **Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 9 October 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. A verbal report will be given at the meeting.

#### **East Staffordshire Borough Council**

6. No meeting has been held since the last update.

#### **Lichfield District Council**

7. No meeting has been held since the last update.

#### **Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council**

8. The Borough Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee met on 9 September at which time they considered:
  - Committee members received the report from the Chairman of Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel and were pleased to learn that the SPACE scheme had seen a total of 30,000 young people attend across the County together with a 41% reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour.

- Monkey dust - members were disappointed in the response of the Minister for Crime, Safeguarding and Vulnerability to our joint letter.
- Members continue to do all they can to support dementia friendly activities in our Town Centre and work is progressing on both a Dementia services data base and towards Newcastle becoming an accredited Dementia Friendly Community

### South Staffordshire District Council

9. The Select Committee met on 30 July 2019 considered:

- **Crime and ASB update:**-South Staffordshire local policing team commander SGT Kelly Wareing and South Staffordshire Council Community Safety Officer Helen Marshall presented an update to Member on Crime and ASB within the District and the actions being taken to reduce crime within South Staffordshire.
- **NHS Long Term Plan and Strategic Commissioning update:** Sally Young, Director of Corporate Services, Governance and Communication, Staffordshire CCG attended the committee to gain Members views and feedback on the potential of Staffordshire moving from six CCG's down to one strategic commissioning organisation. The presentation focused on governance structures the potential benefits of coming together and ensuring decision making for local people was maintained.

The Committees next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 8 October 2019.

### Stafford Borough Council

10. A Special meeting of Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was held on Tuesday 16 July 2019, the purpose of which was to receive a presentation from the Chief Executive of Stafford and Rural Homes in relation to the proposed merger between Stafford and Rural Homes and Housing Plus, following which the Committee agreed send a letter a letter of support to Stafford and Rural Homes for their proposed merger plans.

The last scheduled meeting of Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was then held on **Wednesday 31 July 2019** during which the following items were considered:-

- **A Members' Item** concerning a request for the Cabinet Member for Environment to consider a green project involving tree and hedge planting to reduce carbon emissions, wildflower patches to increase insects and pollinators, and planting of orchards and vegetables to encourage a more sustainable way of living
- **Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee** – a report back on the previous meetings of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee held on 19 March and 10 June 2019.
- **Empty Homes Strategy and Release of Funding** - a Cabinet report that had been "Called-in" to the Committee for further consideration concerning a request to consult on the draft strategy and agreement for the funding that was set aside to tackle empty homes to be released in a phased approach over four financial years
- **Performance Reporting 2018-21** - a detailed analysis of the performance monitoring of those services within the remit of the Scrutiny Committee for the quarter 4 period ending 31 March 2018

- **Business Planning Report** – a report looking back over the Committee’s activities over the 2018/2019 Municipal year
- **Work Programme** – a report outlining the Committee’s Work Programme for meetings up to March 2020.

The Committee also met on the 12 September 2019, during which the following items were considered:-

- **A Councillor Session Item** containing a question to the Cabinet Member for Environment concerning the closure of public toilets in the Borough
- **Two Members’ Items** concerning Foodbanks as part of a post-Brexit Food Strategy and DBS clearance for those undertaking voluntary work
- **Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee** – a report back on the previous meeting of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee held on 15 July 2019.
- **Final Accounts 2018/2019** – a report on the Final Accounts position for the Portfolios within the Scrutiny Committee’s remit for the financial year ended 31 March 2019
- **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 1 period ending 30 June 2019
- **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 **14 November 2019**.

## **Staffordshire Moorlands District Council**

11. On 17 July 2019 the Council’s Health O&S Panel met, as an urgent item of business relating to the recent NHS England Rating of inadequate for the North Staffordshire CCG, had been raised by a member of the Panel. Members debated this matter in detail and were very concerned about this recent rating of the CCG. To conclude, the Panel and all other members present were supportive of a vote of no confidence in the Leadership Team of the North Staffordshire CCG. Councillor Lawson also offered to raise this matter at the County Council.

The following actions were agreed:-

- 1) For a letter to be sent to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to urge the Department to place the CCG into special measures;
- 2) For Marcus Warnes to be invited to attend a meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel, to provide a copy of an action plan and explain how the organisation planned to improve the NHS England rating;
- 3) For a full copy of the NHS England report to be requested.

A member of the Panel also provided the Panel with an update on the pilot scheme to move diabetic eye screening into dedicated NHS provision rather than patient’s own opticians. As the trial was approaching completion, she had contacted Mr. King who provided positive data showing that the aim had been achieved.

The next meeting of the Panel is due to take place on 2 September which is a special meeting, at which Marcus Warnes will be in attendance, in relation to the recent assessment of the CCG. Following this, the scheduled meeting is the 11 September at which a representative from Together We’re Better Health and Care in Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent will be present.

Future items on the Work Programme include:-

- Public Health Initiatives (Everyone Health) – Joanna Robinson
- Public Health Initiatives Drugs/alcohol – Tony Bullock
- Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Annual Update)– Neil Carr, Chief Executive
- Public Health Initiatives – Mental Health Trailblazer – Nicola Bromage
- Royal Stoke University Hospital, University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (Annual Update) – Tracey Bullock – CEO

## **Tamworth Borough Council**

12. The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on the 23 July 2019 to consider the following items:

- a) The Chair reported that following the Committee's recommendations to Cabinet, it had been agreed that the Motor Neurone Disease Charter would be adopted by the Council.
- b) County Councillor T Clements updated the Committee on various matters considered by Staffordshire County Council, including the discussion on the future of the George Bryan Centre, and the engagement events which were being planned.
- c) The Committee discussed in detail the upcoming Work Plan and referred to the Staffordshire Observatory Data Pack to assist. The following new matters were identified for inclusion on the Work Plan:
  - GCSE Attainment in Tamworth
  - Priority Service Registers
  - Mental health issues in Tamworth
  - Representatives to be invited from Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, and possibly other NHS organisations
  - Barriers to accessing GP Services in relation to residents with additional needs / centralisation of GP services

**Appendices/Background papers** (i) No response from Cannock Chase (ii) email from Stafford Borough Council 16/08/19 and 26/09/19; (iii) email from Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council 19/08/19 and 26/09/19 (iv) email from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council 23/08/19 (v) email from Tamworth Borough Council 01/08/19. (vi) email from South Staffordshire 23/08/19 (vii) email from Lichfield District Council 19/08/19; (viii) email from East Staffs Borough Council 15/08/19.

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