

Tamworth Borough Council

Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Meetings on 26 November 2019, 21 January 2020 & 26 February 2020

The following is a summary of relevant business transacted at the meetings of Tamworth Borough Council's Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 26 November 2019, 21 January 2020 and 26 February 2020 - link to Agenda and reports pack:

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| 30 | <p><u>Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of Abuse</u></p> <p>The committee received a bi-annual safeguarding updates from the Partnership Vulnerability Officer which provided an update on referral statistics received through the borough council reporting procedure for the period 1 April to 30 September 2019. An overview was also provided on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stoke and Staffs Safeguarding Children Board• Staffs and Stoke Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board• Safeguarding training – including staff training, the ongoing taxi driving training and the work being undertaken by Council Officers in local schools to raise awareness on internet safety, alcohol awareness, anti-bullying and safer strangers and streetwise.• Current work streams covering Modern Day Slavery, Domestic Abuse Forum, Domestic Abuse Workplace Champions, Vulnerable Adolescent Multi-agency Panels, Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership and Grant Funding. |
| 32 | <p><u>Responses to Reports of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee</u></p> <p>The Committee had made recommendations to Cabinet to encourage residents to sign up to Priority Service Registers, where eligible, and it was reported back to the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee that Cabinet had agreed to use its social media profiles and other means to encourage those who were eligible to do so and otherwise raise awareness of these registers.</p> |
| 38 | <p><u>Debt Management & Support</u></p> <p>The Committee had requested a report on Debt management and the Support available in this area. The meeting was attended by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services and Communities,• the Assistant Director Partnerships and• the Chief Officer from Citizens Advice, Mid Mercia. |

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| | <p>The Committee was updated on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the work done by the Benefits team to process claims quickly; • the availability of discretionary housing payments to assist the most vulnerable; • the sensitive management of any overpayments of housing benefits; • the corporate project group which had been re-set to respond to welfare reform, in particular Universal Credit; • the commitment to deliver services through enhanced digitisation and customer access; • the work of the Council Tax team, which although not signed up to the Council Tax Arrears Good Practice Protocol, complies with most of the principles outlined; • the services provided by Citizens Mid Mercia in Tamworth, including debt, housing and generalist advice as well as an energy advice service and a new mental health advice service for families from April 2020 |
| 46 | <p><u>Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust</u></p> <p>The Managing Director, Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Care Group, Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust attended the meeting at the invitation of the Chair to provide a presentation to members on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trust's approach to partnership working in Staffordshire; • A focus on services in Staffordshire and particularly Tamworth, and • the George Bryan centre. |
| 50 | <p><u>Work Plan for 2019/2020</u></p> <p>The items for consideration at upcoming meeting are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamworth Accessibility (11th March 2020 meeting) • Safeguarding update (2 April 2020 meeting) |