

Local Members Interest

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Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Monday 31 January 2022

District and Borough Health Scrutiny Activity

Recommendation

I recommend that:

- a. 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.

Summary

1. The Committee receives updates at each meeting to consider any matters arising from the Health Scrutiny activity being undertaken by the Staffordshire District and Borough Councils.

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 in which holds the remit for health scrutiny matters that have a specifically local theme. The Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee will continue to deal with matters that impact on the whole or large parts of the County and that require wider debate across Staffordshire.
4. District and Borough Councils each have a representative from the County Council Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a member of the relevant committee with remit for health scrutiny matters. The County Councillors will update the District and Borough Councils on matters considered by the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A summary of matters considered by this committee is circulated to District and Borough Councils for information.

5. It is anticipated that the District and Borough Councillors who are members of this committee will present the update of matters considered at the District and Borough committees to the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
6. The following is a summary of the health scrutiny activity which has been undertaken at the District/Borough Council level since the last meeting of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 29 November 2021.

7. Cannock Chase District Council

Cannock Chase's Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee last met on 30 November 2021.

Date next meeting: 23 March 2022

8. East Staffordshire Borough Council

East Staffordshire Borough Council's Scrutiny Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being Committee met on 15 December 2021

Date next meeting: 26 January 2022

9. Lichfield District Council

Lichfield District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee last met on 20 January 2022.

Date of next meeting: 17 March 2022

10. Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council's Wellbeing & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee met on 29 November 2021.

Date of next meeting: 7 March 2022

11. South Staffordshire District Council

South Staffordshire Council's Wellbeing Select Committee met on 7th December 2021 and the following items were considered.

- a. Dudley, Wolverhampton and South West Staffordshire Breast Screening Service Update.

The Programme Manager for the Dudley, Wolverhampton and South West Staffordshire Breast Screening Service delivered a presentation explaining the service had paused in line with national guidance at the onset of the pandemic, but had resumed Delivery in July 2020 with additional capacity to deal with backlog. The intention is to restore the breast screening cycle back to (3 years) by March 2022 in Staffordshire and various initiatives would be put in place to encourage women to attend breast screening appointments.

b. Police and Community Safety Update

The Community Wellbeing and Partnership Officer and the Chief Inspector updated the Committee on community safety data and performance. Positively a reduction has been seen in crime and anti-social in South Staffordshire.

Date of next meeting: 8 February 2022

12. **Stafford Borough Council**

The last meeting of Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was held on 16 November 2021, the details of which have been previously reported to the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The scheduled meeting of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 6 January 2022 was cancelled.

The next scheduled meeting of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee is due to be held on 8 March 2022, the details of which will be reported to the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee nearer the time.

13. **Staffordshire Moorlands District Council**

Following the postponement of the meeting due to be held on 15th December 2021, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel will now meet on 9 February 2022.

Items for consideration will include:-

- Kniveden and John Hall Gardens
- Leek Integrated Care Hub (services and Board representation)

14. **Tamworth Borough Council**

Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 30 November 2021.

The following is a summary of relevant business transacted at the meeting of Tamworth Borough Council's Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny

Committee held on 30 November 2021 - link to Agenda and reports pack:

<http://democracy.tamworth.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=209>

Minute No.	Title
45.	<p><u>Leisure services and Open Spaces overview</u></p> <p>The Committee received an update from the Assistant Director, Operations and Leisure which covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent tender process to renew the Council’s open spaces assessment, indoor and outdoor sports assessment and leisure feasibility study. • An overview of the impact of COVID on leisure services and open spaces, including installing additional outdoor equipment and holding events outdoors. <p>The Committee discussed the cycle network within Tamworth, local nature reserves and the volunteers supporting them, and Tamworth in Bloom.</p>
46.	<p><u>Mental wellbeing theme</u></p> <p>The Committee discussed previous presentations and updates received by the Committee this municipal year which related to the mental wellbeing theme from both Officers and external organisations, as well as the all members seminar held in October 2021 where members received presentations from various local voluntary sector organisations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffordshire Council of Youth Voluntary Services (SCYVS) • Support Staffordshire • Community Together CIC • Heart of Tamworth • Tamworth Samaritans • Places of Welcome • Citizens Advice Mid Mercia • Tamworth’s Befriending Service • And others. <p>The Committee was also updated on the Staffordshire County Council Inquiry day which was due to be held in the new year covering Wider determinants of health across Staffordshire, which could provide further information relevant for the Committee’s consideration of the mental wellbeing theme.</p>

	<p>The Committee revisited suggestions raised at earlier Committee meetings and commented on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The benefits of encouraging all councillors to complete mental health first aid training • Food security, and also more broadly debt and insecurity issues, which local charities had highlighted were areas where local advice was being sought. • To build on the experience of the work during the pandemic to support the vulnerable by further co-ordination of the relevant voluntary groups to support mental wellbeing in a focussed way through the partnerships team, by supporting and enabling local organisations to sign post to the relevant local group in Tamworth, and by utilising local support to help local residents access support whether in Tamworth or beyond. • The benefits of further visible sign-posting in the borough to where mental health support can be accessed. The Committee requested that the Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT) be invited back to the next Committee meeting to provide an update on the communication plan for Tamworth of the services available. The Vice- Chair agreed to liaise with County Councillor T Jay for his support in engaging Staffordshire County Council in seeking to ensure the delivery of mental health services locally and to support in the communication to Tamworth residents of the MPFT services which were available. <p>The Committee moved and passed the following recommendations, which the Vice-Chair presented to a Cabinet meeting in December 2021:</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Committee recommend to Cabinet that Cabinet’s attention be drawn to mental health service delivery in Tamworth and request that Cabinet make it a priority for their time and concern.</p>
	Date of the next meeting is 25 January 2022

Link to Strategic Plan

Scrutiny work programmes are aligned to the ambitions and delivery of the principles, priorities, and outcomes of the Staffordshire Corporate Plan.

Link to Other Overview and Scrutiny Activity

The update reports provide overview of scrutiny activity across Borough and Districts, shares good practice, and highlights emerging concerns which inform work programmes for Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committees across Staffordshire.

List of Background Documents/Appendices:

Council	District/ Borough Representative on CC	County Council Representative on DC/BC
Cannock Chase	Cllr Martyn BATTERY	Cllr Phil Hewitt
East Staffordshire	Cllr Colin Wileman	Cllr Philip Atkins
Lichfield	Cllr David Leytham	Cllr Janice Sylvester-Hall
Newcastle	Cllr Ian Wilkes	Cllr Ian Wilkes
South Staffordshire	Cllr Janet Johnson	Cllr Jak Abrahams
Stafford BC	Cllr Jill Hood	Cllr Anne Edgeller
Staffordshire Moorlands	Cllr Barbara Hughes	Cllr Keith Flunder
Tamworth	Cllr Rosey Claymore	Cllr Thomas Jay

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