

## **Local Members Interest**

N/A

# Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Monday 31 July 2023

# **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**

 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 and wellbeing scrutiny matters and 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 28 November 2022.

#### 7. Cannock Chase District Council

Cannock Chase's Health, Wellbeing & The Community Scrutiny Committee last met 17 July 2023

Date of next meeting: tbc

## 8. East Staffordshire Borough Council

The Committee have initially agreed to look into two subjects:

- Suicide rates within East Staffs and the causes
- Activity provision and how those are targeted to diabetes.

These both will need scoping out further with the committee.

Date next meeting: tbc

#### 9. Lichfield District Council

Lichfield District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 8 June 2023.

Date of next meeting: 2 August 2023

# 10. Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

The Health, Wellbeing & Environment Scrutiny Committee last met on 14 June, 2023 and the following matters were considered:

- The Committee received a verbal update from the Police Commander on the new Policing Model.
- The Committee considered the latest report to Cabinet on odour issues at Walleys Quarry.
- Members considered a case study carried out in Wolverhampton on the benefits of Modular Housing.



- The committee considered the regular reports from the County Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Police, Fire and Crime Panel and notes of a meeting with the Integrated Care Board.
- The Work Programme was discussed and Members requested that a presentation on Modular Housing be postponed until September and that the Sustainable Environment Strategy Annual Report and Review of the 850 Celebrations be moved to the November meeting

Date of next meeting: 7 September 2023

## 11. South Staffordshire District Council

South Staffordshire Councils Wellbeing Select Committee last met on 6th June 2023. The following matters were considered.

# Joint code of working

A presentation was delivered by the Assistant Director Community Services on the code of joint working between South Staffordshire Council and Staffordshire County Council for Health Scrutiny, the presentation covered the areas of focus for each committee, including what elements of health should be considered at a County / District level. South Staffordshire Council have subsequently issued a decision recommending the Council sign up to the joint code which has been supported by Members.

## Community safety partnership action plan

The Councils Community Services Manager & Community Wellbeing and Partnership Officer provided an overview of the newly refreshed Community Safety Partnership Action Plan 2023-2026, The partnership brings together all the agencies in the District who can have an impact on crime, anti-social behaviour, and the fear of crime with the key focus of keeping communities safe.

The plans priorities are based on a strategic assessment produced by Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Police and the outcomes for the 2023/26 plan are listed below.

- To reduce all recorded crime by 2%
- To reduce vehicle crime by 2%
- To increase the number of repeat victims of domestic abuse accessing services by 20%
- To reduce serious violence, including violence against women and girls by 2%
- To reduce anti-social behaviour by 3%



• To maintain the high level of feeling of safety during the day (88%) and improve the feel of safety after dark (67%)

An update will be given at Septembers meeting to report on performance against the plans outcomes.

## Staffordshire Healthwatch

Healthwatch Staffordshire carried out a presentation on their role to the newly formed committee and the key priorities for Healthwatch during 2023/24.

## **Work Programme**

The Assistant Director Community Services gave an overview of the committees work programme for 2023 and requested Members come forward with any additional local Health and Wellbeing issues that can be referred to the committee.

## Date of next meeting Tuesday 12th September 2023

- Performance update South Staffordshire Community Safety Partnership
- Air Quality
- Healthwatch Staffordshire update

## 12. Stafford Borough Council

Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee last met on 18 July 2023.

Date of next meeting 5 September 2023.

#### 13. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

Following a review of the Council's scrutiny arrangements, the Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee met on 5 July 2023.

Members considered the Code of Joint Working and made a recommendation to Cabinet.

Discussion took place around ongoing concerns relating to the rural ambulance provision in the area. Suggestions for future items for the Work Programme included; the Move More Strategy, Leisure Transformation Plan and community mental health.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 27 September 2023.



# 14. Tamworth Borough Council

The Committee met on 21 June and 11 July 2023, however had no specific health related items.

Date of next meetings: 21 September 2023 and 17 October 2023

# **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
<b>Cannock Chase</b>	Cllr David Williams	Cllr Phil Hewitt
<b>East Staffordshire</b>	Cllr Monica Holton	Cllr Philip Atkins
Lichfield	Cllr Leona Leung	Cllr Janice Sylvester-Hall
Newcastle	Cllr Ian Wilkes	Cllr Ian Wilkes
South Staffordshire	Cllr Val Chapman	Cllr Kath Perry
Stafford BC	Cllr Ann Edgeller	Cllr Ann Edgeller
Staffordshire	Cllr John jones	Cllr Keith Flunder
Moorlands		
Tamworth	Cllr Chris Bain	Cllr Thomas Jay

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