MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HEALTHIER AND SAFER SCRUTINITY
COMMITTEE
HELD ON 4th FEBRUARY 2016

PRESENT: Councillors A James (Chair), S Goodall (Vice-Chair), J Chesworth, A Couchman, J Faulkner, M Greatorex, M Oates and R Rogers

The following officers were present: Jane Hackett (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer) and Wendy Johnson (Scrutiny and Corporate Support Officer)

50 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Margaret Clarke and Councillor Tom Peaple.

51 MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor J Chesworth and seconded by Councillor M Greatorex).

52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

53 UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

There were no updates given by the Chair.

54 UPDATE FROM STAFFORDSHIRE HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE


To summarise:-
1. The Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing presented his report on the Care Act 2014 which put new legal responsibilities on local authorities to co-operate with partners to empower people, carers and families to access care and support to live independent in the community. Phase 1 had been implemented and Phase 2 has been delayed by the Government.

2. The Chairman of the Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services Working Group presented his report and concerns were raised about child and adolescent mental health services and the lack of specialist services. These issues were being reviewed by the Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Partnership Trust as a gap had been recognised.

3. The George Bryant Unit in Tamworth was discussed as was the Minor Injuries unit opening times at Sir Robert Peel Hospital. Hours had been altered to 8am-10pm and it was now closed overnight.

4. Hearing aids were also discussed as there had been a difference in policy between the North and the South of the County in relation to access to hearing aids which had caused understandable confusion. Scrutiny of this issue had led to a successful outcome and the proposals had now been streamlined.


Councillor J Faulkner commented that the South Staffordshire & Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust seemed to have a lot of involvement now in support services and asked the Chair if a question could be asked of the County, in conjunction with the Legal Officer, re: their involvement in the use of the Libraries – What are they doing?

(This proposal was moved by Councillor Andrew James and seconded by Councillor J Faulkner).

55 SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Further to the recommendation at 13 August 2015 meeting, The Committee perused the first quarterly report written by Tamworth Borough Council’s Children and Families Safeguarding Officer.

RESOLVED:

- The Committee reviewed the report and it was endorsed;
- The Committee agreed future reports would be bi-annual for a 6 month period – Reports to be reviewed at July and January meetings.

(Moved by Councillor A James and seconded by Councillor S Goodall).
The Committee had received the scoping document and relevant documents prepared by the Chair and he introduced a Guest Speaker from The Alzheimer’s Society in Lichfield – Kat Horner, Dementia Action Alliance Co-ordinator (West Midlands) to brief the Committee about the Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) and how Tamworth could become “dementia-friendly.” The membership is completely free and there are 3 initiatives in becoming a dementia friendly community:-

1. Dementia Friends Initiative – This is an Alzheimer’s initiative raising awareness and understanding about dementia by organising a free, one hour Dementia Friends awareness session to inform people and educate people so that dementia is understood;

2. Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) – This was launched in 2012 as part of the Prime Minister’s Challenge on dementia and aims to improve the lives of people living with dementia and their carers through concerted action. They work with local business and organisations to see how they can become more dementia friendly, and ask them to sign up as a member of the DAA by completing a simple action plan. All that is asked is that members take steps to better support anyone living with dementia in their local area;

3. A Local Dementia Action Alliance (LDAA) is the coming together of the member organisations in a local area. This can include local businesses, high street shops, community groups, faith groups, schools, colleges, libraries, residential homes, health and social care providers as everyone can help.

Once a LDAA is formed the organisation can then apply to the Alzheimer’s DAA for recognition as a dementia friendly community which means the organisation will have its own page listed on www.dementiaaction.org.uk; it will be able to use the DAA logo and the “Working to become Dementia Friendly” symbol; it will have recognition as a dementia friendly business; it will be part of the wider Dementia Friendly Community across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent giving access to networks, support and information and it will be part of a Social Movement to bring about change, working with other organisations across the county in partnership and helping to raise community spirit.

A Question and Answer session ensued, it was confirmed that Staffordshire County Council is already a member of the Dementia Action Alliance as is South Staffordshire Council and Telford & Wrekin Council. No District or Borough Council have acquired this recognition as yet.

RESOLVED: That the Committee start the process of becoming a Dementia Friendly Community but bear in mind the
possible cross over implications with Staffordshire County Council (mental health services) & the Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Partnership. The Chair agreed to take the lead and Councillor S Goodall and Councillor A Couchman offered to support, however, it may require a cabinet decision further down the line.

(Moved by Councillor Andrew James and seconded by Councillor Simon Goodall).

57  FORWARD PLAN - 1 JANUARY 2016 - 30 APRIL 2016

The Committee discussed the updated Forward Plan – 1 February 2016 – 31 May 2016 which was circulated. As 14 January Cabinet meeting had now taken place some items were deleted; the 17 February Council meeting to discuss the Tamworth Local Plan to consider the Inspector’s Report had been postponed and would now be considered on 23 February along with budget consultations. An additional item had also been added on to the Forward Plan for the last Cabinet meeting on 28 April 2016 – Temporary Reserves, Retained Funds and Provisions.

RESOLVED: That Committee ask the Neighbourhood Services Manager, Joanne Sands to attend the next meeting on 10 March to discuss item on page 5 - ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 – Public Space Protection Order consideration 2 – proposals for a car cruising/boy racer public space protection order in Tamworth as item is to be considered at Cabinet on 17 March 2016.

(Moved by Councillor Andrew James and seconded by Councillor Simon Goodall).
The Committee considered the Work Plan for 2015-16

RESOLVED: That the following Work Plan be approved

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RESOLVED: Councillor Andrew James to meet the Chair of Aspire and Prosper Scrutiny Committee Councillor Joy Goodall and discuss a joint scrutiny committee meeting to discuss Teenage Pregnancy and Inequality of Life Expectancy Across the Borough.

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