



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 23rd JULY 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor R Ford (Chair), Councillors D Box, P Brindley, R Claymore, M J Greatorex, K Norchi, M Oates, R Rogers and J Faulkner

County Councillor T Clements

The following officers were present: Jo Hutchison (Democratic Services, Scrutiny and Elections Officer)

**1 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor R Claymore be appointed as Vice Chair

*(Moved by Councillor M Oates and seconded by Councillor P Brindley)*

**2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Chair reported that Councillor B Price had attended the previous Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 as a substitute for Councillor M Gant and that the Minutes should be amended to reflect his attendance. Subject to that amendment the Minutes of were approved and signed as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillor R Claymore and seconded by Councillor M Oates)*

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R Ford declared a non-prejudicial interest in a matter which he planned to raise as a work plan item later on the agenda. He recorded that through his employment he had been engaged to facilitate stakeholder communication engagement for Western Power Distribution. Western Power Distribution is a power company, and together with all utility companies, was required to maintain a Priority Service Register. Councillor R Ford reported that he intended to raise for discussion a proposal that the Committee add a review of Priority Service

Registers to its work plan. Councillor Ford confirmed that he did not consider that he had a conflict of interest and that he did not have a disclosable pecuniary interest but for the purposes of transparency he requested that this interest be noted.

No other declarations of interest were made.

#### **4 UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair provided the following updates:

- Several Councillors had attended the Staffordshire led Together We're Better conversation event on 3 June 2019 in Tamworth on Health and Care in Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent. This event was oversubscribed and accordingly the Chair reported that a further conversation event had been scheduled for 29 July in Tamworth and details of how to attend were provided to members.
- The Chair reported that he and two other Councillors had attended the Tamworth Cancer Wellbeing Centre Open Day and the Chair was exploring whether a representative would be prepared to come to the Committee to consider how Tamworth Borough Council could work better with organisations such as this in the third sector.
- The Clinical Commissioning Group would be providing a briefing session open to all Councillors on the commissioning of health services on 31 July at 6pm
- The Chair welcomed the new County Councillor representative on the Committee, County Councillor Tina Clements.

#### **5 RESPONSES TO REPORTS OF THE HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Chair reported that Cabinet had received a report on the adoption of the Motor Neurone Disease Charter at its meeting on 11 April 2019 and Cabinet had resolved to support the adoption of the MNDA Charter in recognition of the specific nature, speed of progression and impact of Motor Neurone Disease which meant that it is particularly important to ensure support was provided as soon as possible.

#### **6 UPDATE ON HEALTH RELATED MATTERS CONSIDERED BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

County Councillor Clements provided an update on the following matters which had been considered at the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> July:

- **Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Transforming Care Partnership (TCP) – Patients with Complex Care needs** – Staffordshire TCP had not achieved its end of year target set by NHS England, however, this was reported to be a similar position to many other TCP areas. Staffordshire was currently rated as green by NHS England and another inspection was due. Questions were raised at that meeting regarding the capacity to meet the future need and the Clinical Commissioning Group provided assurances in that regard.

- **Nexus Care** – the contracts held by Allied Healthcare had transferred to Nexus and representatives of Nexus presented to that meeting to update on progress made since the transfer of the contracts. Stafford had been rated by the CQC in January 2019 as “Requires Improvement” and the Cannock branch was awaiting an inspection. It was reported that sufficient staff had been recruited to cover the care needs in the community.
- **Healthwatch** - Staffordshire County Council commissions Healthwatch and it was reported that funding for this service had reduced. Patient transport was one area which received focus.
- **George Bryan Centre** – there was significant discussion on this item at the Select Committee and County Councillor Clements remained concerned that there was insufficient mental health care capacity based within Tamworth. It was reported that there were two engagement events in Tamworth planned to ensure that Tamworth is heard in this area.

The Committee requested that County Councillor Clements seek further clarification on the sustainability of Nexus, given the issues that had arisen for Allied Healthcare.

## **7 HEALTHY STAFFORDSHIRE SELECT COMMITTEE - DISTRICT / BOROUGH DIGEST**

The Committee noted the Digest regarding the 10 June 2019 meeting.

## **8 FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee considered the Forward Plan and identified that the Allocations Policy item was now due for consideration by Council at its meeting in November 2019 and that accordingly it was anticipated that this Committee would receive an update at its September or October meeting. No further Forward Plan items were identified for consideration by this Committee.

## **9 HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY WORK PLAN - 2019/2020**

### **9.1 Staffordshire Observatory Data Pack for Tamworth**

The Committee considered the Staffordshire Observatory Data Pack for Tamworth. It was noted that there were some limitations in utilising such data and that at times there could be better comparitors than those in other parts of Staffordshire and therefore the data should always be considered with some caution.

The Committee identified that the area of educational attainment / achievement was one area which would warrant further scrutiny. It was noted that the school readiness of children (early years) was good whilst the GCSE attainment levels were considerably behind the national average.

The Committee discussed the best methods for taking this forward as a possible work item and agreed that a Task and Finish group should be formed to consider this matter. The following members agreed to form the Task and Finish group:

- Councillor Ford
- Councillor Faulkner
- Councillor Brindley
- Councillor Claymore

The Chair requested that the Staffordshire Observatory Data Pack be left as a standing agenda item under the Work Plan to enable review at subsequent meetings.

## 9.2 **Review and Update the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Plan 2019/2020**

The Committee discussed the Work Plan for this municipal year and identified the following new items for inclusion:

- Mental health issues in Tamworth – consider engagement with the third sector to understand further the relevant data / areas of concern / underlying causes and strategies to address
- Invite representatives of other NHS organisations to attend the Committee, such as:
  - Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust regarding mental health services
  - Ambulance Service
- Barriers to accessing GP Services in relation to residents with additional needs / Centralisation of some GP Services
- Priority Service Registers – explore the opportunities to raise the awareness of such Registers for the benefit of local residents' health and wellbeing. Task and Finish group to be formed comprising:
  - Councillor Ford
  - Councillor Brindley
  - Councillor Claymore

Task and Finish group to aim to report back to the September 2019 meeting.

Councillor Box left the meeting before the discussion of the Priority Service Registers.

The Work Plan was updated as follows:

### **Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Plan**

<b>Work Plan 2019 - 2020</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
<b>Each meeting</b>	Update on Staffordshire County Council matters

<b>September</b>	Priority Service Registers – T&F group formed of Cllrs Ford, Brindley and Claymore
<b>September / October</b>	Update on performance of Burton and Derby Hospitals Trust
<b>October</b>	Together We're Better / STP - brief update post close of initial consultation (end date of initial consultation is 25 August 2019)
<b>October /November</b>	Safeguarding Update (Councillor Doyle to attend and Officers)
<b>October</b>	Housing Allocations Policy
<b>TBC</b>	Cervical cancer screening
<b>TBC</b>	Staffordshire Talent Match
<b>TBC</b>	Loneliness – Joint Working group with Corporate Scrutiny. Note that SCC considering Isolation.
<b>TBC</b>	Midwifery Care (RF to put together a proposal form)
<b>TBC</b>	Discharge to Assess and End of Life Care
<b>TBC</b>	ASB Policy (Joint consideration with IS&G Scrutiny Committee)
<b>TBC</b>	Mental Health issues in Tamworth
<b>TBC</b>	GCSE Attainment – T&F group formed of Cllrs Ford, Faulkner, Brindley and Claymore
<b>TBC</b>	Invite representative from the following to attend a meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – re mental health services</li> <li>• Ambulance Service</li> </ul>
<b>TBC</b>	Barriers to accessing GP Services in relation to residents with additional needs / Centralisation of some GP Services
<b>February / March (tbc)</b>	Safeguarding Update (Councillor Doyle to attend and Officers)
<b>Defer to 2020</b>	Invite First Response to attend – (RK)

<b>Upcoming Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Meetings</b>
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19 September 2019
15 October 2019
26 November 2019
21 January 2020
26 February 2020

<b>Upcoming Relevant Accountability Sessions/County Council Meetings</b>
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<b>Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee</b>
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16 September 2019
28 October 2019
2 December 2019
3 February 2019
17 March 2019

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Chair