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HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

18 March 2024

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will be held in **Town Hall, Market Street, Tamworth on Tuesday, 26th March, 2024 at 6.00 pm**. Members of the Committee are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive

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- 1 Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 10)**
- 3 Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of Members' interests (personal and/or personal and prejudicial) in any matters which are to be considered at this meeting.

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4 Update from the Chair

5 Responses to Reports of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

(Update on responses to the Reports of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee)

6 Consideration of matters referred to the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee from Cabinet or Council

(Discussion item)

7 Matters referred to Scrutiny from Cabinet or Council (Loneliness and Isolation) (Pages 11 - 14)

8 Update on health related matters considered by Staffordshire County Council (Pages 15 - 16)

(To receive the Digest from Staffordshire County Council's Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee and an update from the County Councillor)

9 Safeguarding Children and Adults at risk of abuse report Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee 26.03.24 (Pages 17 - 26)

(Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health and Community Partnerships)

10 Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/2024 (Pages 27 - 38)

(Report of the Chair of Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny)

11 Forward Plan

Please see the link to the Forward Plan:

[Forward plan - 1st March 2024 - 30th June 2024 :: Tamworth Borough Council](#)

12 Working Group Updates

(Discussion Item)

13 Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Plan (Pages 39 - 42)

To review the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Plan

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To Councillors: C Bain, M Bailey, R Claymore, D Cook, S Daniels, C Dean, S Doyle, J Jones, D Maycock and County Councillor T Jay

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE
HELD ON 4th MARCH 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor C Bain (Chair), Councillors M Bailey, R Claymore, S Daniels, C Dean, S Doyle and D Maycock

CABINET Councillor Samuel Smith

The following officers were present: Leanne Costello (Senior Scrutiny and Democratic Services Officer), Paul Weston (Assistant Director Assets) and Lee Birch (Head of Neighbourhood Services)

77 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor D Cook.

Apologies were received from Councillor S Doyle and M Bailey as they could not stay for the whole meeting and left at 19:38.

78 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd January 2024 were approved as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor R Claymore and seconded by Councillor D Maycock)

79 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

80 UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

There was none.

81 RESPONSES TO REPORTS OF THE HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were none.

82 CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REFERRED TO THE HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM CABINET OR COUNCIL

There were none.

83 UPDATE ON HEALTH RELATED MATTERS CONSIDERED BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

There was no update.

84 UPDATE ON HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY

The Chair introduced the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning, Council Smith and the Assistant Director, Assets, Paul Weston who were returning to Committee with an update Housing Assistance Policy following on from the 24th January 2024 when the Committee received the report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning to review and consider the proposed draft Housing Assistance Policy (for the delivery of Mandatory and Discretionary Disabled Facilities Grants) prior to submission to Cabinet for full approval and adoption the Committee asked for the item to return with more information.

The Portfolio Holder thanked the Committee for their constructive input at the previous meeting and acknowledged that it was evident that further discussion was required around the number of residents on the waiting list and performance. They asked that the Committee to recognise and move the proposed policy forward as it allowed a provision for applicants to be recognised as 'Urgent' or 'Standard' and highlighted what the criteria for an 'urgent' case was (Policy pages 19/20), whilst recognising that a deeper delve needed to be done into prioritisation and to refine the policy. They also highlighted the additional benefits introduced via the policy for discretionary grants (policy pg 52) were net positives to the current mandatory approach.

The Committee made the following comments/observations and asked the following questions:

1. Who can apply and how many applicants do they currently have.
The Officer confirmed that the scheme is for anyone other than Council tenants. The Council took the service in-house from April 2023. There were 150 transfer cases and to the end of January 2024 they have received 115 referrals.
The Officer highlighted that further to a question at the last meeting that they have no data yet around why cases may not progress however there are a number of reasons for this including; ineligibility once means testing applied; decision to self-fund to avoid wait times; refusal of landlord

consent (private rented); current cap on grants meaning funding would not cover works and applying to the wrong area.

2. What happens where landlord consent is refused? Do the team provide any alternatives options?

The Officer confirmed that the DFG team's role is to assess the applications and they do not provide other options, however there may be other options through the Council where their property is unsuitable.

3. How is the means testing calculated and is there an example? Can everyone access the application as there are concerns that residents may slip through the net, and do the Council have any discretion to look at applications that may be refused but fall close to the criteria?

The Officer confirmed that this is a standard process, but that it is a complex calculation and included looking at assets, passport benefits, and what can be paid back. It was noted that children's applications are not means tested. Whilst people can apply yourself themselves the teams will work with residents to support them with making their application. There are online calculators available to view calculations. If the Council were to consider a policy that said that would not look at means testing that all the implications of this would need to be considered.

4. Concerns over the current process of working through applications within date order and since the service was taken on how many applications have been completed?

The Officer confirmed that as they inherited the service, they are currently working with the data they have. There have been 69 cases closed, 75 allocated to a case worker, 2 are awaiting approval, 4 at the planning stage and 4 where work is ongoing on site. Any referrals received up to quarter two, aimed to be triaged by April 2024. It was explained that letters were going out to residents to explain where they are in the process.

The Portfolio Holder acknowledged that previously there was no policy, and they were only working within mandatory requirements and whilst more works needs to be done the policy is an improvement.

5. Clarification around the budget including average costs of works.

The Officer highlighted that the figures were estimates but that there is currently a budget of approximately £1.92 million, £1.2 million which came back from Millbrook and the £700k budget allocation for 2023/2024. It is expected that they would receive an average of 135 referrals a year worth £940k with a budget of £700k so there would always be cases that could not be reached. The 700k is based on approximate allocation of £600k from the Better Care fund and £100k from the Council budget.

Of the £1.9 million approximately £1.6 million would go on works and £300k on other costs. (Staffing, OT etc). Of the £700k per year approximately £500k would go on works.

Average cost of works is between £6-7k however works cost vary massively from a stairlift, to a level access shower to an extension.

6. Concerns were raised over the current staffing and capacity to clear the backlog of cases and it was asked how long it would take to triage a case and with no back log?

It was confirmed there is currently a senior caseworker and an assistant, the assistant has recently left but will be replaced with a caseworker and then there are technical Officers. Once the back log is cleared the aim is to

triage within 6 weeks however it is difficult to put a timeline on the applications process as this is reliant on applicants providing information, landlords consent etc. Whilst it will be possible to clear the backlog of applications there will always be a backlog of delivery of works due to funding. There was no final date for clearing the backlog.

7. Concerns around the decision not to prioritise ex-service personnel within the policy having signed up to the armed forces covenant.
It was confirmed that advice had been sought from Foundations, on this matter and the policy is about having regards for people with disabilities, by prioritising ex-service personnel then applicants may not end up being prioritised upon disability.
The Portfolio Holder acknowledged that whilst veterans should be prioritised that in these circumstances that can create difficulties when comparing an application. A recommendation was put forward to asked for those who have been 'medically discharged' to be prioritised.
8. The Committee highlighted that they did not feel that they could endorse the policy as fit for purpose whilst the backlog of cases was there and a recommendation was moved to for Cabinet to look at coming up with a plan to provide a resource to clear the backlog.

Resolved that the Committee

1. reviewed and considered the proposed assistance provided by the Council under the draft Housing Assistance Policy (Appendix A).
2. Commented on the inclusion of various 'Discretionary Schemes' proposed.

(Recommendations 1 and 2 were moved by Councillor R Claymore and seconded by Councillor D Maycock)

The Committee made the following additional recommendations to Cabinet:

3. to look at a proposal for providing extra resource to assist the Assistant Director with the backlog and a review of the process

(Moved by Councillor M Bailey and seconded by Council S Doyle)

4. That page 7 includes a priority of those that have been medically discharged from the armed forces.

(Moved by Councillor D Maycock and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)

Formally recommended the Policy to Cabinet for approval and adoption in March`

(This recommendation was not moved)

85 FORWARD PLAN

There were no items identified from the Forward plan.

86 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

The Chair highlighted that an email had been circulated proposing a working group be created to look to Review of the Implementation or the Service to bring Disabled Adaptations In-House and a scoping document was sent out to Committee asking for volunteers to be on the working Group. Councillors Maycock and Dean had volunteered to be part of the working group.

87 HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY WORK PLAN

The Chair noted that the next meeting was on March 26th 2024 and the Committee were expecting the safeguarding update.

88 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved by the Committee:

That in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meeting and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, and Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public

(Moved by Councillor R Claymore and seconded by Councillor C Dean)

89 RE-PROCUREMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S 24-HOUR COMMUNITY ALARM SERVICE

Presentation from the Head of Housing Management and Neighbourhood Resilience, Lee Birch the re procurement of the Council's 24 hour Community alarm service.

The Committee moved a recommendation to endorse the approach to the re-procurement of the service.

(Moved by Councillor C Dean and seconded by Councillor D Maycock)

Chair

Matters referred to Scrutiny from Cabinet or Council

Exempt Information

None.

Executive Summary

The following Committee has referred the following matter to Cabinet:

Committee	Matter referred	Scrutiny Committee
Council (28.02.23)	Loneliness and Isolation	Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny

Purpose

To refer the recommendations made at Full Council to the Committee

Recommendations

Following consideration of the item the Committee agree to the following recommendations being made to Cabinet:

1. recognises the sterling work done by our charity, voluntary and third sector organisations and the excellent work done by Council Officers and further improve information and advice on existing services and activities that reduce loneliness and isolation.
2. Agreed to work with local partners to launch a campaign to raise awareness of the health effects of loneliness and isolation amongst target risk groups
3. support our voluntary and community sector partners to take active interest and role in ensuring the public health problem of social isolation in in Tamworth is recognised.
4. Task scrutiny to look at the issue of social isolation
5. Work to ensure addressing loneliness and isolation is reflected in relevant strategy of the authority.

(Moved by Councillor M Summers and seconded by Councillor S Peaple)

Back Ground Information

At Full Council on the 28th February 2024 under rule no 4.12.1 the following motion on notice was considered –

Loneliness and isolation are a serious public health issues that deserve more attention.

Residents can find themselves isolated for a number of reasons, leaving individuals at risk of suffering from health issues, mental health problems or other urgent needs without much needed help. We recognise that this is a particular risk to the elderly and disabled.

This is an issue that must be tackled at a local, as well as national level.

Following a discussion Cllr Summers moved the following amendment to the motion (that includes after the words this motion, add in) recognises the sterling work done by our charity, voluntary and third sector organisations and the excellent work done by Council Officers.

The Council moved 5 recommendations in response to this as above.

Executive Summary

Prior to the motion being heard at Full Council the Committee on the 22nd February 2022 the Committee received an update on Loneliness and Addiction Support Organisations to provide some information on how the Council interacts with voluntary and community groups who provide services in Tamworth around substance misuse, addiction, loneliness and social isolation.

It was resolved by the Committee following this meeting that the Committee:

1. Welcomed the Report provided
2. Recommended that every two years there was a face-to-face all members seminar forum to which voluntary organisations were invited and in the intervening years, there was online training from Officers for members on the voluntary sector partners' work
3. Recommended that the Council's website signpost to the Staffordshire Connects website which was a public searchable database of contact details for voluntary sector organisations locally.

The Council has since held a Community and Voluntary Sector Event for Members and representatives from the Voluntary sector on the 5th September 2023.

The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee received the Wellbeing Strategy and Baseline Priorities report on the 28th November 2023.

The Assistant Director, Partnerships provided the following update on work being undertaken:

Social isolation is a priority area for wellbeing – several projects are underway through both the UK Shared prosperity fund and health inequalities fund. The Council adopted the business community connectors scheme to ensure all employees can signpost to services.

Several projects being undertaken include:

- Funding for the 'Wheel Connections' scheme with CT CIC providing social transport to community groups and outings
- Signposting information through doctors surgeries around community groups available (working with social prescribers)
- Commissioning of Homelessness Hub
- Ongoing support for the Dementia Friendly Community alliance (including funding for Memory Café)
- Tamworth Borough Council community grants scheme
- Support Staffordshire volunteering project (UKSPF)
- Support for community hub at Heart of Tamworth (UKSPF)
- Community connector scheme (CT CIC) through UKSPF
- Support schemes to ensure integration and help for asylum seekers (Home office grant)

In terms of supporting our voluntary and community sector partners to take an active interest and role in ensuring the public health problem of social isolation in in Tamworth is recognised, the Council participates in the Wellbeing partnership, signposts to grants schemes etc.

In terms of working to ensure the Council is addressing loneliness and isolation and is reflected in relevant strategy of the authority this one of the priorities agreed for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Options

The report is for information only for the Committee to decide whether any further work needs to be undertaken by Scrutiny on this matter.

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Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

District and Borough Council Digest

Under the Health Scrutiny Code of Joint Working with District and Borough Councils, Authorities have undertaken to keep relevant Partners informed of their consideration of health matters having regard to the general working principle of co-operation and the need to ensure a co-ordinated Staffordshire approach. Therefore, the following is a summary of the business transacted at the meetings of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 29 January 2024.

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Access to General Practice in Staffordshire

The Committee considered a report from the ICB around access to GP in Staffordshire. The Committee were reminded that NHSE had released a National Delivery Plan for recovering access to Primary Care.

There were four ambitions set out in the National delivery plan for recovering access to primary care:

- Empower patients by rolling out tools to monitor own health and expand services offered by community pharmacy.
- Implement a modern general practice model so patients know on the day how their request will be handled.
- Build capacity.
- Cut bureaucracy to give practice teams time to focus on patients' clinical needs.

The Committee received the local response to each national ambition. The System Level Access Improvement Plan was due to be signed off by the ICB in March 2024.

The Committee noted the report and requested to receive the System Level Access Improvement Plan when it has been signed off by the ICB.

The Committee will consider when it will next consider Access to GPs in Staffordshire.

Social Prescribing

The Committee received three reports from the ICB, Support Staffordshire and Staffordshire County Council relating to Social Prescribing. The Committee learned that the NHS long term plan was to have 9000 Social Prescribing posts by 2036.

The Committee discussed that the benefit of Social Prescribing was not measured which may impact on the evidence base to better fund Social Prescribing. The Committee also commented the need for collaboration between the different organisations.

The Committee made a number of recommendations around coordination/ collaboration and data collection.

Primary Care Dental Overview

The Committee considered a report from the ICB on Primary Care Dental Overview.

The Committee were reminded that dental commissioning was delegated to the ICB from 1 April 2023 which created the opportunity to provide better support for Staffordshire residents to ensure dental services met the local need.

The Committee learned that the main issues preventing recovery was a national shortage of dentists. The ICB were supporting a range of initiatives to improve dental access.

The Committee made a number of comments and received the report. They agreed to write to Keele University to determine any progress made for a proposed dental school.

The Committee will consider when it will next consider Dentistry in Staffordshire.

To see the reports in full and view the webcast of the meeting see the links below:

[Browse meetings - Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Staffordshire County Council](#)

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18 March 2024 at 10.00 am, County Buildings, Stafford.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 2024

REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK OF ABUSE REPORT (OCTOBER 23- MARCH 24)

EXEMPT INFORMATION

None

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to provide a biannual safeguarding update to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Committee review the report and raise any questions in relation to the content with the Assistant Director Partnerships in collaboration with the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health and Community Partnerships, and thereafter endorse.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tamworth Borough Council has a legal responsibility to safeguard children and adults with care and support needs from abuse and neglect. The safeguarding children and adults at risk of abuse and neglect policy and procedure provides a framework for safeguarding and demonstrates the council's commitment to safeguard children and adults at risk.

Safeguarding is integrated into the day-to-day operations of the council. The council responds to all safeguarding concerns raised in line with the safeguarding procedure. Reporting of concerns is fundamental in ensuring that children and adults at risk receive the necessary support to safeguard and promote their welfare.

The following information provides an overview of the number of safeguarding referrals received and an update on the safeguarding work that has taken place since

the last update provided to the committee on 17th October 2023.

Safeguarding Statistics

The number of safeguarding concerns referred via the council’s safeguarding reporting procedure for the date period 1st April 2023 to 13th March 2024 are detailed in the table below:

Referral type	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Child referrals	2	3	3	0	8
Adult referrals	7	7	6	5	25
Total combined referrals	9	10	9	5	33

Table 1: Safeguarding concerns raised by staff 2023/ 2024 (Numbers as of time of report 13/03/24)

Miscellaneous	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
	1	4	1	4	10

Numbers of referrals for quarter 4 have dropped slightly this quarter, as awareness raising on referrals has moved into referrals to Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership (TVP) so the adult/ family will not always hit the threshold for a safeguarding enquiry, but professionals will meet to discuss a plan of action. Increased knowledge and awareness of what constitutes a referral through the delivery of up-to-date inhouse training and with outside agencies has supported this.

Referrals continue to be received from a wide range of council staff including, customer service officers, housing solutions officers, tenancy sustainment officers, sheltered housing managers, private sector housing officers, environmental health, street scene, members. We have also had received safeguarding referrals/ information from contractors and the fire service.

The miscellaneous table covers referrals that come through mainly the council enquires or maybe to gather further information to decipher if it hits the threshold for a referral to be made into safeguarding. We have also continued to work alongside our contracted agencies such as Wates and Engie to support their safeguarding referrals. Quarterly meetings take place for updates with the 2 contractors to make sure that we can offer support and advice and any new updates needed.

Safeguarding Training

We have continued to purchase the Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) core slides for the delivery of level 1 safeguarding training. This helps to update staff/members in line with the updates for Staffordshire.

Staff can access a range of training modules through the SSCB [home page](#) .

Along with this there were opportunities to attend free training on a range of child exploitation awareness raising awareness on all aspects of child exploitation themes. The sessions were delivered by The West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership Training Week - 26th Feb - 1st March.

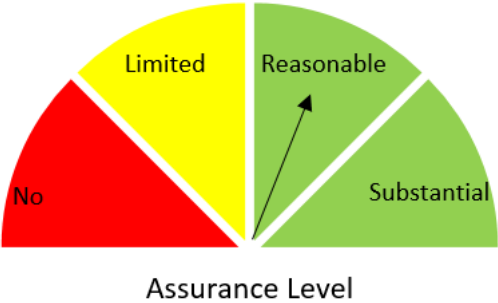
Safeguarding training has been delivered to all our street scene, cleaners, and operatives over the last 3 months. Staff within this sector have also updated knowledge on prevent signs and symbols delivered by our communities and cohesion officer.

Safeguarding Audit

This review was undertaken as part of the 2023/24 Internal Audit Plan endorsed by the Audit and Governance Committee.

The audit covered the time period January 2023 to May 2023.

Taking account of the issues identified and the recommendations contained within the Action Plan in our opinion the Audit and Governance Committee can take **Reasonable Assurance** that the controls upon which the organisation relies to manage risks material to the achievement of the organisation’s objectives are suitably designed and effective.



ASSIGNMENT BRIEF

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE: There are suitable internal controls in place to effectively manage Safeguarding so that children and adults at risk of abuse and neglect and Tamworth Borough Council’s staff, elected members and volunteers are protected. Linking into the Corporate objectives Living in Tamworth, working with partners to ensure the fear of crime within Tamworth is reduced and community safety focus on neighbourhoods and place.

Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of Abuse & Neglect Policy and Procedure

Version: 19 of the Policy is now live on infozone and the astute training has been disseminated to all Staff/ Councillors.

The main update within the policy is the change within the Partnerships team to include the role of the Safer Communities and Homes Manager to the role of Deputy Safeguarding Officer.

Tenant Consultative Group Meetings - 9 July 2024

The purpose of the Tenant Consultative Group is to provide a united voice, representing the views and interests of Tamworth Borough Council’s tenants and leaseholders. The group is a non-political consultative group that works closely with

Neighbourhood services to discuss and resolve issues and make recommendations for service improvements. This group is consulted on a wide range of tenant related policies, practices and procedures and current issues affecting Tamworth Borough Council and its tenants.

The partnerships and Vulnerability Officer will be attending to give a safeguarding briefing to tenants and leaseholders.

Adult Safeguarding Board

The council is still an active member with information received regarding updates, training, and events.

Stafford Borough Council have taken the main lead to represent all the districts and boroughs at the quarterly meetings. The districts then attend quarterly catch ups.

Hate Crime Presentation

Free Hate Crime Training

What is hate crime?

A hate crime is when someone has a crime committed against them or their property because of either their Race, Religion, Disability, Sexual orientation, or Transgender identity.

Uniting Staffordshire Against Hate have been commissioned by Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and Partners to deliver awareness sessions on Hate Crime.

Training offer includes:

1.5hrs awareness raising session with time (15mins) for questions at the end.

It is suitable for anyone looking for a general overview of hate crime, with objectives including:

- Legal definitions and the difference between hate crimes and hate incidents.
- The prevalence of hate crimes, locally and nationally
- Barriers that prevent people reporting hate crimes
- The impact hate crimes have on victims.
- How to access support and what victims can expect.

For those wishing for more intensive presentation, we offer a full morning or afternoon 3.5hrs session for a 'deeper dive' available separately.

This 3.5 hr presentation awareness session, with time for a break (15mins), is suitable for anyone looking for a more in-depth overview of hate crime, with objectives including:

- Legal definitions and the difference between hate crimes and hate incidents.
- The prevalence of hate crimes, locally and nationally
- Barriers that prevent people reporting hate crimes
- The impact hate crimes have on victims.
- Unconscious Bias, Stereotyping, Discrimination and Prejudice

- How to support a Victim of Hate Crime
- Hate Crime the Vulnerabilities and Partnership Working
- How to access support and what victims can expect.

USAH is now in the third year of contract and the latest figures for Tamworth is referrals to June 2023:

REFERRALS by area	VICTIMS - Support Service				TOTAL
	Q3 2022-23	Q4 2022-23	Q1 2023-24	Q2 2023-24	
Tamworth	13	13	12	25	63

Domestic Abuse (inc Stalking and Harassment)

Domestic abuse remains a priority for the Community Safety Partnership. The support service through New Era has been commissioned for a further 3 years for the County by the Staffordshire Commissioner for Police, Fire and Crime.

Training is ongoing for relevant staff to refer victims of domestic abuse to services.

The Assistant Director Partnership remains on the County Domestic Abuse Commissioning and Development Board.

Proposed Membership of Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance

As part of the commitment to the Social Housing Regulation Act, the Council will explore accreditation by the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance's (DAHA). The mission of DAHA is to improve the housing sector's response to domestic abuse through the introduction and adoption of an established set of standards and an accreditation process and was established in 2014 as a partnership between **Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse** (STADA), **Gentoo** and **Peabody** housing associations.

It is leading specialist domestic abuse organisation supporting housing providers to improve their response to domestic abuse, through our membership model, accreditation framework and training packages.

Our model for a housing response to domestic abuse is nationally recognised as best practice, through the Domestic Abuse Act Statutory Guidance 2022, and is endorsed by the Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England & Wales, Nicole Jacobs.

The Partnership Vulnerability Officer along with the new Partnerships Officer will explore options and benefits for the Council to be accredited.

Modern Slavery

Modern Slavery refers to the offences of human trafficking, slavery, servitude, and forced or compulsory labour. This can then be considered as five sub threats:

- sexual exploitation of adults.
- trafficking of adults into conditions of labour exploitation.
- trafficking of adults into conditions of criminal exploitation.
- trafficking of minors into conditions of sexual, criminal, or labour exploitation; and other forms of exploitation.

As a Council we support the work of the Staffordshire Police Modern Slavery tactical group and information provided by our partner agencies and publish an annual Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement, required under the Modern Slavery Act 2015. The annual statement 2022/23 was endorsed by the Audit and Governance Committee on [27th September 2023](#) .

A multi-agency approach and data sharing is required to target offenders for disruption which will assist with safeguarding victims and preventing further exploitation.

Community Safety

The Community Safety Forum continues to update partners on issues around Antisocial Behaviour within the community and presentation from Tamworth Street Angels who are a group of volunteers working together to ensure that those who come into our town to have fun do so safely.

Tamworth Street Angels is all about ensuring that people can feel safe on the streets of our town. Who offer support, care, and assistance to anyone who needs it and to those who become vulnerable during a night out.

[About Us | Tamworthstreetangels \(tamworthsa.co.uk\)](#)

Contextual Safeguarding ¹

The Multi Agency Child Exploitation Panel (MACE) is the forum for safeguarding children at risk of exploitation within a partnership arena. MACE meetings take place bi-monthly, the Partnership Vulnerability Officer attends and contributes to this meeting.

Children who are discussed at MACE can be subject to ASB interventions so this information will link in with the work we do within the ASB Coordination group.

The ASB Engagement officer, commissioned until March 2025 continues to work with schools, Staffordshire County Council safeguarding teams and police for early intervention.

Prevent

Prevent is part of the government's overall counter-terrorism strategy which is called [CONTEST](#).

The Prevent duty requires all borough and district Councils (as specified authorities) to have a due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and is priority under the Community Cohesion element of the Tamworth Community

¹ Contextual safeguarding is an approach to safeguarding that recognises that young people may be at risk of significant harm not only within their home environment, but also outside it. The traditional safeguarding approach does not consider extra-familial contexts, which has led to cases of abuse and exploitation falling under the radar.

Safety Partnership Plan.

The Prevent strategy has three specific objectives:

1. Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it.
2. Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support
3. Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation.

The Assistant Director Partnerships is the district council representative on the County Prevent Board.

A Prevent Duty compliance assessment has recently been completed by working through the Home Office Prevent Toolkit in conjunction with the Board which informs the Tamworth plan. The Assistant Director Partnerships along with the Vulnerability Officer and Community Cohesion Officer will monitor the work plan regularly to ensure that there continues to be a proportionate response to any risks outlined and ensure the council is compliant with the Duty.

A full report was presented to Cabinet on 9th November 2023 to provide reassurance and endorse compliance. Hereafter update reports will be presented to the Infrastructure Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee on annual review of the Community Safety Partnership Plan.

Prevent Training above and beyond what is offered on Astute.

We are utilising the Home Office online Prevent training and requested that the Courses 1, 2 and 3 via this link were completed before then end of February 2024 **For staff who had completed training then a Refresher course was available to complete.**

Prevent duty training: <https://www.support-people-vulnerable-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk/portal>

Two referrals were made to Prevent in Tamworth for the period October 2023-March 2024

Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership (TVP)

The Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership meetings continue to take place on a weekly basis with the Partnership Vulnerability Officer, Safer Communities and Homes Manager and Police supporting the overseeing of the referrals and updates.

The weekly partnership meeting continues to be well attended by representatives from statutory organisations. The partnership provides a joined-up response to vulnerability within the community and endeavours to provide help at the earliest opportunity to improve outcomes for vulnerable people.

This is also linked into meetings to support Anti -Social case reviews previously known as Community Triggers and youth ASB.

As of January 2024 17, cases have been discussed at the TVP meeting.

5 Housing
2 Anti-Social Behaviour issues

4 Domestic
2 Mental health
2 Vulnerability
2 Community Safety

As of 13/03/24

Anti-social behaviour coordination group

The ASB Coordination group is a weekly TEAMS meeting that links all our partner agencies within and outside the borough to discuss all concerns relating to anti-social behaviour. It also helps support the links established with other partnership meetings and helps the mechanisms in place for actions that have and can be taken.

The meeting is chaired by our Safer Communities and Homes Manager and extended to all agencies within the public and private sectors to share information and to support intervention and signposting of services.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report. The cost of training and materials will be met from existing budgets.

LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND

The Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of Abuse and Neglect Policy has been risk assessed and no significant risks exist. From a legal perspective the authority is meeting its expectations and requirements in relation to vulnerable children and adults at risk.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The policy and staff in this important service will continue to operate locally and in conjunction with partners to sustain the levels of support, training and guidance required.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Tamworth Borough Council has both a legal and moral duty to protect children and adults at risk from harm and abuse. The Children Act 1989 and 2004 along with the associated government statutory guidance sets out our legal responsibilities for protecting children. The Care Act 2014 along with associated statutory guidance recognises and reinforces that organisations make a significant contribution to adult safeguarding.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

[Children Act 1989](#)

[Children Act 2004](#)

[Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#)

[Care Act Statutory Guidance](#)

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Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

26th March 2024

Report of the Chair

Draft Annual Report of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee 2023/24

Exempt Information

None.

Purpose

To provide the Committee with a draft of the Committee's Annual Report for 2023/2024 (Appendix 2) together with a draft of the Introductory Report (Appendix 1) which will be presented to full Council in the 2024-25 municipal year.

Following the Committee's consideration, the draft Annual Report will be updated and following the agreement of the Chair will be presented to full Council together with the Annual Reports for the other scrutiny committees and the Introductory Report.

Executive Summary

The draft Annual Report includes:

- the Committee's membership
- a Chair's overview
- the Committee's remit and function (Terms of Reference)
- an overview of regular activity undertaken by the Committee
- a spotlight on items considered
- a summary of working group activity
- a summary of recommendations made to Cabinet and responses received
- members' attendance
- Current Committee work plan

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to consider and comment on the draft Annual Report and Introductory Report and thereafter endorse the draft Annual Report and Introductory Report for submission to full Council, following agreement by the Chair of any final amendments and updates to reflect the final meeting of the 2023/24 municipal year.

Resource Implications

None to note.

Report Author

Councillor Chris Bain
Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Appendices

Appendix 1 – draft Introductory Report
Appendix 2 – draft Annual Report of the Committee

Scrutiny Introductory Report – 2023-24

What is scrutiny?

The term ‘scrutiny’ means ‘**examine carefully, rummage through odds and ends.**’ In the context of local government Scrutiny’s role is to research and examine policies and decisions to assess whether they could be improved or strengthened to deliver better services for residents and visitors to Tamworth. Scrutiny is often referred to as the Council’s ‘critical friend’, its purpose is to provide constructive criticism in order to continually seek improvements to services, secure better decisions and realise better outcomes.

Effective overview and scrutiny should:

- Provide constructive ‘critical friend’ challenge;
- Amplify the voices and concerns of the public;
- Be led by independent people who take responsibility for their role; and
- Drive improvement in public services.

Scrutiny committees cannot make decisions but can offer recommendations to cabinet and officers to be considered when making their decisions.

What Scrutiny at Tamworth Council looks like?

There are three main overview and scrutiny committees and this year each Committee welcomed a new Chair. The Committees’ role is to hold the Executive to account and support the work of the Executive and the performance delivery of the Council as a whole. These are shown diagrammatically below:



Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny

- Quarterly performance reports
- Leisure
- Voluntary Sector
- Non HRA Housing
- Disability Service
- Social Care
- Elderly and Vulnerable People Services



Infrastructure Safety and Growth Scrutiny

- Infrastructure
- Education
- Employment/Inward Investment
- Town Centre
- Open Space and Play
- Public space protection orders



Corporate Scrutiny

- Forward Plan
- Corporate Plan
- Major Council led projects
- Investment Strategy
- HRA Function
- Local Authority Trading Company's activity and Performance



These lead to reports and recommendations which advise the Executive and the Council as a whole on its policies, budget and service delivery. Overview and scrutiny committees also monitor the decisions of the Executive.

Scrutiny Committees can 'call-in' a decision which has been made by the Executive but not yet implemented. This enables them to consider whether the decision is appropriate. They may recommend that the Executive reconsider the decision. They may also be consulted by the Executive or the Council on forthcoming decisions and the development of policy.

There is a further committee which meets up to twice a year; the Joint Budget Scrutiny Committee. That Committee's purpose is to consider the budget proposals being put forward by the Executive and make any comments or recommendations. The committee is made up of all non-Executive members of the Council/

The Councils Procedure Rules state that each of the three main Scrutiny Committees should meet at least 4 times a year. During 2022/2023 the Scrutiny Committee met an average of 8 times.

Within each Scrutiny committee there can be a number of focussed working groups. Each Committee has a work plan detailing the matters being considered by the committee and future items.

Each Scrutiny Committee decides it's workplan for the upcoming year, however throughout the year further items can be added to the plan, this can be through items being identified from the forward plan or by the agreement of committee members.

Training for Members

The Council provides induction and ongoing training which is open to all members. This covers areas to help familiarise Councillors with each service area / directorate of the Council, as well as training aimed to support Councillors in carrying out their roles on Committees; Planning, Licensing, Audit & Governance as well as Scrutiny training. As well as the Committee focussed training, training sessions are provided in person, or on TEAMS and in some cases, through online modules on safeguarding, equality & diversity, treasury management, and on the member code of conduct. Additionally, where specific topical areas are identified within the year further training and briefings are provided, as well as Councillors being sign-posted to support available through the Local Government Association.

This year the Council invested in Scrutiny training from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny. Two sessions were run, one for Chairs and Vice-Chairs and one for Scrutiny Committee Members (non-committee Members were also invited to the training.)

A one stop portal is available to Councillors where key training and other resources can be found; known as 'Memberzone'

Annual Report of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Chair – Councillor Chris Bain

Vice Chair – Councillor Daniel Maycock



Members (2022/23)	Appointed for 2023/24 municipal year	Retirement from Committee
Chris Bain (Chair)	May 2023	
Daniel Maycock (Vice Chair)	May 2023	
Marie Bailey	January 2024	
Tina Clements	May 2023	Retired November 2023
Daniel Cook	May 2023	
Rosemary Claymore	May 2023	
Sarah Daniels	May 2023	
Carol Dean	May 2023	
Stephen Doyle	January 2024	
Jason Jones	May 2023	
Jeremy Oates	May 2023	Retired December 2023
County Councillor Thomas Jay	May 2023	

Committee's remit and function (Terms of Reference)

The Constitution sets out the Committee's remit which can be summarised as to provide effective scrutiny of the achievement of the Council's strategic priorities by scrutinising the performance of the Executive and external providers in securing a safe environment in which local people can reach their full potential and live longer, healthier lives :-

- Statutory Health Obligation
- Leisure
- Voluntary Sector
- Non HRA Housing
- Disability Service
- Social Care
- Elderly and Vulnerable People Services

To undertake such other scrutiny activities relevant to the committee's scope, as may be required in relation to the performance of the Council, governance, financial management and discharge of statutory functions.

Under the joint working arrangements in place between Staffordshire County Council and District and Borough Council's within Staffordshire, the Chair of this Committee is also a member of the County Health and Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and a county representative is appointed as a member of Tamworth Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. These joint working arrangements are designed to assist in knowledge sharing and to aid efficient working to avoid duplicating the scrutiny of health-related matters. Such that the County scrutiny committee focusses on health matters at a county wide/ multi - district level, with individual district & borough council's focussing on activities affecting health & wellbeing within that district / borough.

Chair's Overview

Welcome to the annual report of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, who met 8 times in the 2023/34 municipal year.

During this year there have been some changes to the Committee's membership. As well as my appointment as the new Chair in May 2023, a new Vice-Chair Councillor Daniel Maycock was appointed in May 2023.

In 2024, Councillors M Bailey and S Doyle joined the Committee. I would like to thank those members who retired from this Committee during the year: Councillors Tina Clements and Jerney Oates.

During the past year, the Committee has focussed on activities associated with mental wellbeing as well as housing and homelessness matters, as it relates to residents' health & wellbeing.

Cabinet members and officers were invited to attend meetings of the Committee to provide information and to answer items. Guests were also invited from partner organisations.

The Committee has used the Council's Forward Plan to focus its work and to help identify areas which would either require pre decision scrutiny and /or post implementation scrutiny.

I would like to thank all members of the Committee, Portfolio Holders, Officers and other stakeholders who took part in these meetings for their valuable contributions during the year.

Chair Councillor Chris Bain

Housing Strategy Quarterly Update

Following on from the Councils adoption of its new Housing Strategy in November 2020 the Committee has continued to receive regular updates in this area and since February 2023 these updates have been received quarterly, continuing in the current municipal year. Updates were received in June 2023, October 2023 and January 2024.

Updates focussed on the 5 priorities identified within the strategy.

The Committee were provided with several updates around; affordable housing including the approval of the Councils first two, First Homes properties; energy saving schemes including ECO4 and the work being done by charity, Beat The Cold; private sector inspections and updates on HMO's; an update on housing stock and repairs service; the homeless strategy including the introduction of the new homelessness hub; updates on Disabled facilities grants and adaptations and the Wellbeing Strategy including the identification of two areas of need based on health inequalities to understand what improvements could be made in these areas.

The committee sought clarifications in areas, such as, whether there was any process to move a family from an adapted property where it was no longer required and what form HMO inspections took?

The Committee asked questions around whether there was any data on health issues with damp and mould, and for data around outcomes for ECO4Flex referrals which was provided at a later meeting.

The Committee raised concerns on the Councils damp and mould figures, the distribution of Government funding for DFG and the time it appeared to turnaround an empty home to get it back in to circulation.

At the October meeting the Committee welcomed the Development Manager from the charity, Beat the Cold, who provided an update on the work that the Charity were doing on behalf of the Council to support people with Fuel Poverty; to look at how to become more energy efficient; help with billing, tariffs and meters; helping with energy debt and supporting the Council with the process for eco/home energy schemes

It was agreed at the meeting in January 2024 that now that the policy was embedded in, that the Committee would receive its next update in 6 months in a 12 monthly format at which point a decision would be made on how regularly they would continue to receive the updates.

Update on Health-Related Matters Considered by Staffordshire County Council

The Committee receives a regular update to each of its meetings on relevant matters considered by the County scrutiny health committee. This includes a regular written update, the Staffordshire County Council Digest, as well as verbal updates to the Committee by the Chair and County Council representative.

Items considered at the County Scrutiny Committee and of particular interest to this Committee included:

- Integrated Care System and Integrated Care Board establishment and updates.
- Primary care access
- Inpatient mental health services for adults in Southeast Staffordshire
- Developing healthier communities' work

Details of meetings of meetings of the Staffordshire Health and care Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board and other relevant meetings were shared with Members.

Safeguarding Updates

The Committee's workplan includes twice yearly Safeguarding updates.

The first update was received in October 2023 and a further update was received in March 2024.

The reports included updates on safeguarding statistics, training, taxi driver training, the Adult safeguarding board, modern slavery, community safety, contextual safeguarding, Prevent, Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership and the anti-social behaviour coordination group.

At the October 2023 meeting, the Committee sought clarification on the data presented and whether it reflected pre-pandemic years, the levels of Safeguarding training and suicide prevention training. Information was also sought on modern slavery in Staffordshire which was not available at this time.

Following consideration of this item, the committee requested clarification around the policing of Modern day Slavery and children who had missed out on socialisation at school due to Covid. The Committee acknowledged that it is essential that safeguarding is always a top priority to protect vulnerable residents.

Update to be added following March 2024 meetings

The Committee also received the following items for scrutiny -

Armed forces Covenant – July 2023

The Committee were asked to review the report to reaffirm the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant before it was presented to Cabinet. The Committee sought clarification around how the Council manages, meeting its Commitment to give to provide extra weighting for Armed Forces personnel with reduced housing stock and around employment recognitions. One of the recommendations was that a progress report be brought to the Committee annually, and the Committee asked for examples/evidence of positive actions when it returned. The Committee endorsed the recommendations with the report.

Homelessness Hub – July 2023

The Committee were provided with a presentation by Officers, with an update on the Homeless Hub being introduced by the Council to support those facing homelessness.

The Committee asked questions around how Officers would like to be working with other local authorities, how evictions from supported housing were dealt with (recognising that these are using vulnerable residents), the condition of temporary accommodation units and how they were going to improve access and support of affordable and supported housing. It was recognised that Tamworth runs their out of house service in house and Officers were asked how they challenge those that approach from other areas. There were no recommendations, but the Committee acknowledged that they were happy with the report.

Wellbeing Strategy Baseline and Priorities – November 2023

At the November meeting the Committee received the report to provide an update on the Tamworth Wellbeing Strategy Baseline and Priorities, produced for the UK shared prosperity fund. The Committee were also updated that the Council had an allocation of £255000 from the Covid 19 Contain Outbreak Management Fund (Comf) which needs to be spent by September 2024.

The Committee commented on and sought clarification around the two areas identified through the health inequalities data as having a 'high' level of need. The Committee felt that by labelling these areas it could have a negative impact on those living there and for people considering moving to the area. The Committee also felt that this approach may mean that other areas needing support may not be addressed. The Committee felt that work should be done within the borough itself to identify areas of need rather than rely on data from the County. The Officer agreed to feedback the Committee's comments to the Health Inequalities Directors Group.

The Committee endorsed the recommendations set out within the report.

Disabled Adaptations Policy – January 2024 and March 2024.

The Committee received item to consider the proposed draft Housing Assistance Policy (for the delivery of Mandatory and Discretionary Disabled Facilities Grants) prior

to submission to Cabinet for full approval and adoption. The Committee were update that in the absence of a policy the Council has delivered grants through the mandatory grant process which places a cap on grants with no option to offer discretionary grants or provide alternatives.

The Committee sought clarification in a number of areas, including why some grants may not go through, third party grant applications and whether any other funding was available in this area. The Committee also asked questions around the timescales of the process and the staffing.

The Committee were concern over the timescales and what support was in place whilst residents were waiting for grants/adaptations, as well the prioritisation process. It was requested that the report return to the March meeting with more information around this.

To update following March 2024 meeting

Exempt Items

Anker Valley Sports Complex – July 2023

The Committee received the report to detail the work to date and the decisions required in order to progress the grant claim in order to deliver the proposed Football Foundation/Football Association project.

Following scrutiny of the report the Committee endorsed the contents of the report and the five recommendations for Cabinet

Leisure Strategy Update – November 2023

The Committee received the report to give an update on the leisure strategies currently being undertaken by external leisure consultants, Knight, Kavanagh & Page, with additional bespoke Facility Planning Modelling via Sport England.

Following scrutiny the Committee endorsed the contents of the report and the three recommendations.

Homelessness Statutory On-Call and Out- of- Hours arrangements – November 2023

The Committee received the a presentation to provide an update on the Councils Statutory on-call and out of hours arrangements.

Following consideration the committee endorsed the recommendations from the report with a view to reviewing this in late 2023

Sheltered Housing Community Alarm and Lifeline Provision

To update following March 2024 meeting

Consideration of Matters referred to the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee from Cabinet or Council

To Update following March 2024 meeting

Work Planning

The Committee asked for an item to be added to the Forward Plan around Damp and Mould Housing Issues, however it was identified that this had been picked up via Corporate Scrutiny and a working group had been established which contained Members from all Scrutiny Committee

Working Group

To update following March 2024 meeting

Recommendations made to and Responses received from Cabinet

Recommendations were made to Cabinet on the following Reports and Cabinet's response is highlighted:

Scrutiny meeting item recommendations	Cabinet Response
Housing Strategy 17th October 2023 Recommended to Cabinet to continue to Lobby Government to have funding for DFG to be allocated on the need of the district rather than the current calculation	9th November 2023 Resolved That Cabinet Continue to Lobby Government to have funding for DFG to be allocated on the need of the district rather than the current calculation.

Members Attendance

Member	Number of meetings attended
Chris Bain (Chair)	
Daniel Maycock (Vice Chair)	
Marie Bailey	
Tina Clements	
Daniel Cook	
Rosemary Claymore	
Sarah Daniels	
Carol Dean	
Stephen Doyle	
Jason Jones	
Jeremy Oates	
County Councillor Thomas Jay	

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The Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Plan

Work Plan

Meeting Date	Topic	Additional Information	Work Area
26 th Mar 2024	Safeguarding Update (To be confirmed)	Two per Year	
Items raised for Consideration by the Committee			
Pending outcome of Housing Repairs Working Group	Damp and Mould in Council Housing	Raised at Meeting on 11/07/23	Homelessness & Housing
	Loneliness and Isolation	Referred from Full Council to Scrutiny following a motion on 28 th February 2023	Mental Health & Wellbeing
Chair to discuss with Scrutiny Chairs	School Uniform Provision	Raised at Meeting 22/09/23	

Items reviewed this Year/Follow up

Meeting Date	Topic	Follow up actions Priority
18/04/23	Developing Healthier Communities	Developing Healthier Communities – see link to Staffs County Report. Developing Healthier Communities Workshop Report (staffordshire.gov.uk) Include consideration of the role of schools at sixth form, secondary & primary level. Following 18 April 2023 meeting: 1. A recommendation to Cabinet – Chair of H&W to be considered as the conduit between County / Borough 2. Update from Chair on progress made by County / districts Officer group on health in all policies agenda and health impact assessments in summer (July / September) 2023 Invitation to Borough & County Officers to attend to provide an update on item 2 and health locality profiles in December 2023 / January 2024
21/06/23	Housing Strategy	Next update – July 2024 in an annual format
11/07/23	Armed Forces Covenant	Recommendations Endorsed To return to Committee Annually (April)
28/11/23	Wellbeing Strategy Baseline and Priorities	Committee requested an that details of any projects be shared with them
28/11/23	Leisure Strategy	To return to committee June/July 2024

28/11/23	Homelessness Statutory On-Call & Out off Hours Arrangements	To return for a review Sept/Oct 2024
12/01/24	Housing Strategy Quarterly Update	Agreed next update to be an annual update to be received in 6 months (July 2024)

Outstanding Recommendations				
Meeting Date	Recommendation Item	Recommendation	Cabinet Meeting Date	Response from Cabinet
17/10/23	Housing Strategy	H&W/1. Recommend to Cabinet to continue to Lobby Government to have funding for DFG to be allocated on the need of the district rather than the current calculation	09/11/23	Resolved That Cabinet Continue to Lobby Government to have funding for DFG to be allocated on the need of the district rather than the current calculation.
04/03/24	Disabled Adaptations Policy	The Committee Endorsed 2 recommendations and moved a further 2 recommendations 1 recommendation was not endorsed H&W/2.a. to look at a proposal for providing extra resource to assist the Assistant Director with the backlog and a review of the process H&W 2.b. that page 7 includes a priority of those that have been medically discharged from the armed forces	14/0.3/24	

Working Groups

Working Group	Members	Actions
Attainment & Skills in Tamworth		
Review of the implementation of the service to bring Disabled Adaptations In house.	Cllr Bain Cllr Maycock Cllr Dean	

Upcoming Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Meetings

Meeting dates:
26 March 2024

Items Considered by the Committee 2023/2024

Meeting date	Item	
21 st June 23	Housing Strategy Quarterly Update	Report to continue quarterly
11 th July 23	Armed forces Covenant	Report endorsed – to be considered on an annual basis commencing April 2024
	Homelessness Hub	No recommendation – Committee happy with the report
	Anker Valley Sports Complex	Recommendations Endorsed
21 st Sept 23	Impact of the Closure of the George Bryan Centre	Item did not go ahead at this meeting
17 th Oct 23	Safeguarding Update	Report endorsed

	Housing Strategy (Quarterly Update) Including an update from Beat the Cold	Report endorsed and recommendation made to cabinet 09/11/23
28 th Nov 2023	Indoor & Outdoor Sports Strategy and Open Spaces Update (Leisure Strategy Update)	Recommendations endorsed
	Wellbeing Strategy Baseline and Priorities	Recommendations endorsed
	Homelessness Statutory On-Call & Out off Hours Arrangements	Recommendations endorsed
12 rd Jan 2024	Disabled Adaptations Property	Further information requested for meeting on the 4 th march
	Housing Strategy Quarterly Update	Recommendations endorsed – agreed next update to be an annual update to be received in 6 months (July 2024)
04/03/24	Disabled Adaptions Policy	Scrutiny Recommendations to be present to Cabinet 14.03.24
	Sheltered Housing Community Alarm and Lifeline	Report Endorsed