

Healthier & Safer Scrutiny Committee

2014/15 Annual Report

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Introduction

2014/15 has and still is a very busy year for Tamworth Borough Council's Healthier & Safer scrutiny committee members.

The future of services offered at the Good Hope hospital and Sir Robert Peel hospital, the planned closure of Meadowrythe, cycle paths in Tamworth and Staffordshire's Health & Wellbeing Board have all featured on the committee's work plan.

At the first meeting of the new electoral year, the committee members agreed to scrutinise three important issues that affect many residents of the borough:

- cycle paths in Tamworth
- the planned closure of Meadowrythe by the County Council
- Staffordshire Health & Wellbeing Board's report on Locality Commissioning Boards

The committee also agreed to invite Burton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and NHS South East Staffordshire & Seisdon Peninsula CCG to a meeting to discuss the future services to be offered at Sir Robert Peel hospital.

1 July 2014

Let's Work Together

The committee received an update from Tamworth Borough Council officers on the Let's Work Together project that started in Tamworth in 2012. Following several questions and comments from the committee members, the officers were thanked for the report and it was agreed to request an annual update on the project.

18 September 2014

Planned Closure of Meadowrythe by Staffordshire County Council

Cllr Alan White, Staffordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Care, presented a document on Centres of Excellence for Dementia and Ageing Well in Staffordshire –

<http://democracy.tamworth.gov.uk/documents/s9666/Tamworth%20Healthier%20Safer%20Scrutiny%20Report%20DCoE%2018%2009%202014.pdf>.

Following several questions and comments from the committee members Cllr White was thanked for the update

Cycle Paths in Tamworth

Following an email from Will Spencer, from the Transport Strategy Team at Staffordshire County Council, the Committee's Vice Chair Cllr Allan Lunn gave an update on the cycle paths in Tamworth.

Following several questions and comments from the committee members, Cllr Lunn was thanked for the update and the committee requested a further update be given following the implementation of the Tamworth Borough Integrated Transport Strategy.

16 October 2014

Scrutiny of Tamworth Borough Council Run Toilets

The Portfolio Holder for Operations and Assets, Cllr Robert Pritchard, updated the committee on the service review of the council run toilets. He informed the committee that the current public toilets in Aldergate were being moved into the TIC, which is next door to the toilet block, and this will result in the public toilets being open longer hours each day.

Following several questions and comments from the committee members, no motions were proposed other than to thank Cllr Pritchard for the update.

Cycle Paths in Tamworth

Cllr Lunn advised that a member of the public had contacted him to raise some questions. These will be passed to the Transport Strategy Team at Staffordshire County Council and the Committee will be updated with any further developments.

20 November 2014

Meeting with Burton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and NHS South East Staffordshire & Seisdon Peninsula CCG to Discuss the Future Plans for Sir Robert Peel Hospital

The meeting with Burton Trust and the CCG that covers Tamworth was called to discuss the consultation on the future of day case theatre at Sir Robert Peel Community Hospital Tamworth.

The Director Business Development and the Director Operations from Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and Accountable Officer and the Turnaround Director from South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula Clinical Commissioning Group updated the committee on the future of the surgical ward at the Sir Robert Peel Hospital.

The Committee were advised by the Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust that they would be recommending to its board in December that the decision to close surgical ward be delayed until June 2015.

Following several probing questions and comments from the committee members, it was agreed to thank Burton Hospitals NHS Trust and South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG be thanked for the updated, and South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee when Heart of England Trust are also attending.

9 January 2015

Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust and NHS South East Staffordshire & Seisdon Peninsula CCG

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman updated members by reading out an e-mail received from Mr Lawrence the Chair of the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust confirming that they were unable to attend tonight.

The Chairman confirmed that as a result of this he requested confirmation regarding the deadlines for submitting a response on the consultation, he read out the response which confirmed that the website

for feedback on the current consultation would be open till the end of February, but there would be a CCG lead consultation thereafter, starting around May for 8 to 12 weeks.

The full item was deferred to a date after the CCG lead consultation commences in May and the committee held a Q&A session with Rita Symons, the Accountable Officer for South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG, on health issues in Tamworth. At the end of the question and answer session, Mrs Symons was thanked for her attendance.

3 February 2015

Staffordshire Health & Wellbeing Board's Report on Locality Commissioning Boards and the Board's Response

Tamworth Borough Council's Chief Executive Dr Tony Goodwin, who has a seat on Staffordshire's Health & Wellbeing Board, gave an update on locality commissioning across Staffordshire and the Board's response.

Following several probing questions and comments from the committee members, it was agreed to carry out a further review of the Board at the April meeting and invite the Cabinet Member for Public Health Protection Service on South Staffordshire Council, Cllr Roger Lees, to give an update in his role as elected member on the Board for the southern region of Staffordshire.

19 March 2015

Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust and NHS South East Staffordshire & Seisdon Peninsula CCG

Mr Lawrence the Chair of the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust will be attending the meeting to discuss the proposed change of location of services currently offered at the Good Hope hospital.

14 April 2015

Staffordshire Health & Wellbeing Board

An invitation has been sent to Cllr Roger Lees, elected member representative for the southern region of Staffordshire, to update the committee on the Staffordshire Health & Wellbeing Board.

Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee

The Healthy Staffordshire Select committee have held ten committee meetings and has one meeting planned to take place before the end of the current electoral year.

The Healthy Staffordshire select committee have scrutinised a wide range of health issues during 2014/15

- Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust – two committee meetings and two public accountability sessions
- Service Transfers Post Dissolution of Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust
- Minor Injuries Unit at Cannock Hospital
- Preventing Falls through Reviewing Medication and Nurse Ownership
- Development of the Intensive Support Service
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Learning Disabilities Modernisation Update
- Improving Lives Programme
- Hearing Aid Provision in North Staffordshire
- Proposals for reconfiguring surgical services provision at Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust
- Update to the Committee on the progress made in the Modernisation of Day Opportunities for People with Learning Disabilities
- Independent Futures update
- Better Care Fund
- Drug and Alcohol Strategy - Progress Report
- Final Draft Strategy for Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health of Children and Young People
- Improving Lives Programme
- Dementia Centres of Excellence
- The Care Act
- Code of Joint Working Arrangements
- Modernisation of Day Opportunities for People with Learning Disabilities - Kidsgrove Consultation
- Great Wyrley Community Support Unit

The Healthy Staffordshire Select committee also held nine public accountability sessions during 2014/15 with the various NHS Foundation Trusts that cover the health of Staffordshire.

The committee held two public meetings with Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust and University Hospitals North Midlands NHS Trust.

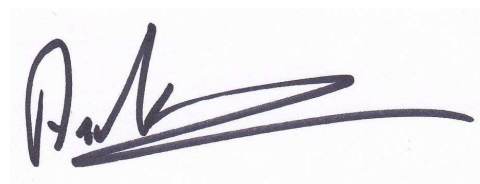
One public meeting has taken place with Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and a second is scheduled for 27 April in Burton-upon-Trent at 5pm.

The committee has also held public accountability sessions with Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership NHS Trust, South Staffordshire Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, this Trust runs the George Bryan Centre adjacent to Sir Robert Peel hospital, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust and West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

A public accountability session with Staffordshire and S-O-T Partnership NHS Trust is also planned for 20 April at 5pm in Stafford.

Full details of all County Council Health Select committee meetings and public accountability sessions are available on the County Council's website

<http://moderngov.staffordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=871>

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Cllr Andrew James – Chairman
Healthier & Safer scrutiny committee