

Healthier & Safer Scrutiny Committee

2016/17 Annual Report

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Introduction

2016/17 has again been a busy year for the committee; the committee has reviewed and endorsed the PSPO to reduce boy racers across the Borough of Tamworth, which was introduced in 2015/16.

The Alcohol Exclusion Zones and Dog Control Orders were also reviewed prior to proposed adoption of PSPOs.

The committee is reviewing life expectancy in Tamworth and a report will be considered at the next and last scrutiny meeting of the current year.

The excellent report produced by Cllr Jeremy Oates on teenage pregnancy in Tamworth lead to several motions going to Cabinet, including the petition to the Government calling for contraceptive pill boxes to warn of major factors making the pill less effective and I call on every member of this council to sign the petition.

Two updates on the Borough Council's Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of Abuse and Neglect policy and the Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 Performance reports have been received and reviewed by the committee in the current electoral year.

At the next and last meeting of 2016/17 on 20 April, the committee is due to receive the review of Anti-Social Behaviour and a report on the revamped Let's Work Together project.

2 June 2016

Work plan for 2016/17

The committee voted to scrutinise several items during 2016/17

- Is Tamworth dementia friendly?
- Teenage Pregnancy in Tamworth
- Inequality of Life Expectancy Across the Borough
- Tamworth Borough Council's Quarter Performance Reports
- Alcohol Exclusion Zones prior to proposed adoption of PSPO
- Dog Control Orders prior to proposed adoption of PSPO
- Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Review
- Review the impact of the Public Protection Order on boy racers after summer period
- Anti-Social Behaviour – yearly review
- Retirement provision across the Borough of Tamworth

21 June 2016

Work Programme Proposal

The new Work Programme Proposal form was introduced as a replacement for the previous scoping document and all members were asked to utilise this form should they want proposals for inclusion on the work programme.

Inequality of Life Expectancy across the Borough

The response to a question submitted by Councillor M Clarke, at the last Healthier and Safer meeting of 2015/16, about estate inspections and read out the Officer's response with regards to estate walkabouts was received.

Tamworth Borough Council's Quarter Four 2015/16 Performance Report

The Borough Council's Quarter 4 Performance reported was reviewed and it was noted that under Legal & Democratic Services in the Quarter Four 2015/16 Performance Report the number of concerns reported ref: children and family safeguarding issues had risen.

15 September 2016

Report of the Children and Families Safeguarding Officer

The Children and Families Safeguarding Officer provided the biannual safeguarding update; the committee reviewed the report and endorsed it accordingly.

Inequality of Life Expectancy across the Bough

It was agreed to establish a working group be established to include Councillors A James, S Goodall, C Cooke, A Couchman and J Faulkner.

Tamworth Borough Council's Quarter One 2016/17 Performance Report

The committee reviewed the report and agreed no further action was required.

13 October 2016

Teenage Pregnancy in Tamworth

A discussion took place with regards to the MAC Report and the committee agreed to a working group being set up consisting of Councillors A James, S Goodall, C Cooke, A Couchman and J Oates.

17 November 2016

Post Implementation Review of the PSPO Introduced Borough Wide to Assist in the Prevention of Car Cruising

The committee received a presentation on the review of the PSPO introduced Borough Wide to assist in the Prevention of Car Cruising followed by a question and answer session.

Proposed Introduction of the New PSPO'S to Replace the Current Control Orders for Both Dog Control and Alcohol Free Zones

The committee received a presentation on the proposed introduction of PSPOs PSPO'S to replace the current control orders for both Dog Control and Alcohol Free Zones followed by a question and answer session.

5 January 2017

Update from Staffordshire Health Select Committee

A discussion took place with regards to the National Health Service – Staffordshire and Stoke Sustainability and Transformation Plan and Sir Robert Peel Hospital and Councillor Doyle was invited to speak on this item. The committee considered that the input was useful and that they would await further information for going forward prior to considering calling the Chief Executive of Burton Hospital Health Trust to a meeting.

Tamworth Borough Council Commissioning of Services and Tamworth Partnership Commissioning Prospectus update which was considered by Cabinet on 18 August 2016

The update presented by Councillor S Doyle was followed by a question and answer session.

Tamworth Borough Council's Quarter Two 2016/17 Performance Report

The committee reviewed the report and agreed no further action was required.

2 February 2017

Teenage Pregnancy in Tamworth

Councillor J Oates gave an in depth discussion on Teenage Pregnancy followed by a question and answer session.

The committee agreed unanimously for the following recommendations go to Cabinet on 16 March 2017.

That Tamworth Borough Council:

- signpost all services relating to sexual health
- creates additional pages on its website to signpost to subject specific WebPages including <http://www.sssexualhealth.nhs.uk>
- assist South Staffordshire Sexual Health in promotion and recruitment of both users and suppliers for the C-card across the town and particularly in areas where Teen pregnancy is still on the increase
- become a C-card outlet at both front desk, TIC and any other suitable outlets
- recognise the drop in Teen pregnancy of 26% in the last 2 years

- creates or signpost to a voluntary group mentoring group for pregnant or new parents with particular focus on teens who are pregnant or new parents
- no longer considers Teen pregnancy as a stand alone issue but as part of the sexual health agenda
- works towards breaking down the prejudice and stigma around teen pregnancy and parents whilst promoting the empirical stories of success of individuals after becoming parents
- note and endorse the efforts of Staffordshire County Council with the Mac's, South Staffordshire Sexual Health, School nurses with clinic in a box and charities in promoting safe sex and dealing with contraception
- creates a voluntary group or signposts to a support groups and services dealing with conception which does not go full term for whatever reason
- understands that any additional financial burden of assisting teen parents on the public purse is short lived and the majority go on to have successful careers without public sector support as do most parents regardless of age

The committee also voted by a majority that the following motion also go to Cabinet on 16 March 2017.

That Members approved a campaign to petition to Parliament for contraceptive pillboxes to warn of major factors making the pill less effective. Members would like legislation requiring manufacturers of contraceptive pills to clearly and prominently display a warning on the packaging showing the major factors in the pill being less effective. Members would like a warning similar to that of a cigarette packet

Tamworth Borough Council's Quarter Three 2016/17 Performance Report

The Leader of the Council, Councillor D Cook, updated Members on the Quarter Three Performance Report and will report back to the meeting in March to update Members.

23 March 2017

Report of the Children and Families Safeguarding Officer

The Children and Families Safeguarding Officer provided the biannual safeguarding update; the committee reviewed the report and endorsed it accordingly.

Inequality of Life Expectancy across the Borough

The committee will be updated on the scrutiny of inequality of life expectancy across the Borough.

20 April 2017

The agenda will be confirmed in due course, however, the following items will be on the agenda.

A review of Anti-Social Behaviour in the last twelve months, a report on the revamped Let's Work Together project and an update on making Tamworth dementia friendly.

Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee

The Healthy Staffordshire Select committee have held fourteen committee meetings.

The Select committee have scrutinised a wide range of health issues during 2016/17.

- Transforming Care Partnership
- Recommissioning of Healthwatch Staffordshire and Independent NHS Complaints Advocacy Service
- Staffordshire's Child Health and Wellbeing Programme (0-5 years)
- All Age Disability - Independent Futures
- Home Care
- Learning Disabilities Day Opportunities
- Improving Lives Programme
- Temporary Suspension of Children's Emergency Centre, County Hospital
- Derby and Burton: A route to high quality and sustainable services
- Better Care Fund Mitigation

- Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Sustainable Transformation Plan
- My Care My Way' Consultation and Proposals
- Hearing Aid Policy Review - North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Sustainable Transformation Plan Consultation on Section 75
- Preventing Obesity

The Healthy Staffordshire Select committee also held eight public accountability sessions during 2016/17 with the various NHS Foundation Trusts that cover the health of Staffordshire.

Two meetings with the City of Wolverhampton Health Scrutiny Panel, and one meeting each with Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, University Hospitals North Midlands NHS Trust, West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership Trust, South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Accountability Session and North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust.

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

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



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