Agenda Item 8

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Monday 26 July 2021 District/Borough 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 meeting of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 26 July 2021 - link to Agenda and reports pack:-

http://moderngov.staffordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=871&Mld=13719

The webcast of the meeting can also be viewed following the above link to mod.gov.

Agenda Item	District(s)/Borough(s)
Walley's Quarry – Health Implications	
This special meeting of the Committee was held at Castle House, Newcastle under Lyme (NuLBC) with Borough Councillors from the Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Committee in attendance. The Committee considered the interpretation of odour emissions from Walley's Quarry Landfill Site on resident's physical health and mental wellbeing.	All Districts and Boroughs
partners from Staffordshire County Council (SCC), Public Health England (PHE), Environment Agency (EA) and Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council (NuLBC) were in attendance to provide clarification to the reports and to respond to members questions.	
There were 7 key themes considered to develop a clearer understanding of the evidence and the issues:	
The actual physical health impacts from Walley's Quarry on individuals	
The site and monitoring requirements	
Employees health and HSE	
Impacts on mental health of residents	
Wider symptoms being seen by residents	
What can residents expect going forward	
Following in depth scrutiny of the matter and a healthy debate the Committee was able to draw its conclusions and made several recommendations. The priority recommendation was to write to Government to highlight the length of	

time odour emissions from Walley's Quarry Landfill site have had, and continue to have, adverse impact on the health and wellbeing of residents in Staffordshire and to request intervention in this matter.	
The full debate (3 hours) can be viewed <u>here</u>	

Their next meeting will be held on Monday 9 August 2021 at 10.00 am, County Buildings, Stafford.