



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE
HELD ON 29th MARCH 2022**

PRESENT Councillor D Maycock (Chair), Councillors D Cook,
M J Greatorex, J Harper, J Jones and Dr S Peale

Officers Jo Sands Assistant Director – Partnerships, Jackie
Hodgkinson Children’s & Families Safeguarding Office,
Tracey Pointon, Democratic Services

66 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors R Claymore, S Peale & R Rogers

Councillor Daniel Maycock chaired the meeting in Councillor Claymore’s absence and Councillor Dr Simon Peale attended as Councillor Sheree Peale’s substitute.

The Chair welcomed Councillor D Cook to the Committee

67 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2022 were approved as a correct record

(Moved by Councillor J Harper and seconded by Councillor M Greatorex)

68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

69 UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Chair clarified that updates will be covered in Agenda item 5

70 RESPONSES TO REPORTS OF THE HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Committee recommend to Cabinet to consider the feasibility of producing 'wellbeing portal' on Tamworth Borough Council website linked to MPFT Communications Team.

Cllr Claymore attended Cabinet on 17 February to present the recommendation which Cabinet accepted.

A further recommendation to Cabinet was made following consideration of the Reset & Recovery item at this Committee's meeting on 25th January, which was:

The Committee recommends to Cabinet to consider another location other than that of the Assembly Rooms for interim, front of house customer services as quickly as possible.

Cllr Claymore attended the 17th February Cabinet meeting to present this recommendation and Cabinet agreed that it would look at the options and Cabinet resolved to:

"ensure that this is discussed as an agenda item at the next Reset & Recovery Board meeting on 23rd February and feed back to Health & Wellbeing Chair."

The following feedback has been received:

Tamworth Borough Council's reception is open, the face to face element is currently at the Tamworth Information Centre which has always been operated by customer services.

Having received the recommendations the Cabinet referred these to the Reset and Recovery board for consideration.

In accordance with the council decision of 25th August 2022, recommendation 2.2 "Commence the de-commissioning of Marmion house" the Reset and Recovery board has been working on the disposal of Marmion House and an alternative home for Tamworth Borough Council. The next update to cabinet from the Reset and Recovery board goes to cabinet 7th April 2022 which includes options for where the new reception will be in the Town centre with a final decision being made in June 2022.

The Reset and Recovery board did review the situation based on demand for services at the Tamworth Information Centre as well as other modes of contact. In the last 6 week period the number of people accessing service face to face at the Tamworth Information Centre for traditional Marmion House services is 23 over the period. In considering this level of demand and the costs of the proposal of opening a second reception point at this stage the board concluded that there was no current justification to duplicate the existing offer. The board will continue

to review the situation and instructed a review of the signage at the old reception entrance.

Tamworth Borough Council's reception is open, the face to face element is currently at the Tamworth Information Centre, should members be contacted by the public about face to face services the advice is to direct them to the Tamworth Information Centre

The Committee commented that they were disappointed with this response.

The Committee were concerned that the reliance on the statistics provided may not have shown how many people tried to access Marmion House Reception, but then did not access the Tamworth Information Centre.

The Committee also sought clarity on how the information to use the Tamworth Information Centre was publicised and were concerned on the lack of privacy for discussion of confidential information.

The Committee moved that the following recommendation was taken back to Cabinet and asked that the Chair and Vice Chair highlight the recommendation personally to the Leader.

The Committee recommends to Cabinet to consider another location other than that of the Assembly Rooms for interim, front of house customer services as quickly as possible.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor Dr. S Peaple)

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

None

72 SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK OF ABUSE REPORT

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Voluntary Sector, Town Centre, Evening Economy and Community Safety to provide a biannual safeguarding update to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Committee

Endorsed the content of the report

(Moved by Councillor Dr. S Peaple and seconded by Councillor J Harper)

The committee thanked the officers for their work in this area

73 UPDATE ON HEALTH RELATED MATTERS CONSIDERED BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Written update was attached to the agenda which provides an overview of the Staffs County meeting on 31st January 2022

At the meeting held on 25th January 2022 the Committee requested that the Chair speaks to the County Councillor for Health around attendance at the Health & Wellbeing Committee. Cllr Maycock informed the Committee that the Chair had spoken to the County Council and is awaiting the response.

74 FORWARD PLAN

No items to update

75 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR 2021-22

The Chair highlighted to members that the draft Annual Report had been brought to the Committee for any comments prior to it being finalised and presented to Council in the next municipal year.

There were no changes to the report.

76 HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY WORK PLAN - 2021/22

The Committee discussed the work plan for next year. Members were keen to include items on the agenda for the next meeting of the new Municipal year scheduled for June 2022.

The following recommendations were moved

The Committee make a recommendation to Council asking that Health & Wellbeing Committee make Mental Health & Wellbeing a priority for next year

And

The Committee put on the work plan the Council's Healthier Housing Policy for the next meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Committee in June 2022.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor Dr. S Peaple)

DRAFT Work Plan 2022 – 2023		
Work Area Themes for the Year		
1. Mental Health & Wellbeing		
Topics	Target Meeting	Additional information
Community mental health services transformation – pathways to care in Tamworth		
Substance abuse / addition		
Young people’s experiences in Tamworth		
Loneliness / isolation		
2. Homelessness & Housing		
Topics	Target Meeting	Additional information
Council’s Healthier Housing Policy	21 June 2022	Invite Portfolio Holder & Executive Director, Communities, Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods
Overview of services available to rough sleepers / homeless people in Tamworth		Suggested invitation to representatives of Heart of Tamworth and/ or other relevant voluntary organisations
Homelessness Winter Relief Update		

Other suggested topics for Committee consideration		
Green and open spaces		
Attainment and Skills in Tamworth		
Safeguarding updates (2 per year)	18 th October 2022 & 28 th March 2023	Invitation to Portfolio Holder and Officers
Specific topics to feed in to Staffordshire County Council (separate from main Themes)		
Topic	Date of planned Staffs consideration	Additional information
Wider determinants of health in Tamworth, including diet / food vulnerability / healthy eating / social prescribing		Extend an invitation to voluntary sector to understand current initiatives eg Community Together CIC
Strategic Transformation Programme (STP)		To tie in with County consideration when dates for County consideration known
Possible Working Group topics		
Armed Forces Covenant		Understand the current Staffordshire wide and Tamworth position

Upcoming Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Meetings
Provisional dates:
21 June 2022
12 July 2022
22 September 2022
18 October 2022
29 November 2022
24 January 2023
28 March 2023

Upcoming Relevant County Council Meetings

**Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Staffordshire
County Council**

- 11 April 2022
- 30 May 2022
- 11 July 2022
- 1 August 2022
- 19 September 2022
- 17 October 2022
- 28 November 2022
- 30 January 2023
- 20 March 2023

Chair