

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, 6th July, 2016  
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

**Present:-** Councillor Dave Jones – in the Chair

Councillors Gardner, L Hailstones, Holland, Loades, Northcott, Spence, Sweeney, Walklate and Wright

Officers Jayne Briscoe

Apologies An apology was received from the Partnerships Manager

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

### **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Agreed:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

### **3. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTHY STAFFORDSHIRE SELECT COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 JUNE 2016**

**Agreed:** That the minutes of the Health Staffordshire Select Committee Meeting held on 6 June 2016 be noted.

### **4. JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY ACCOUNTABILITY SESSIONS WITH NHS TRUSTS - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Agreed:** That Councillors Bailey, Northcott and Wright be nominated to represent the Borough Council at the Staffordshire County Council Joint Scrutiny Accountability Sessions. Councillor Gardner would attend the North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust meeting on Monday 5 September 2016.

### **5. WORK PROGRAMME**

It was apparent that a number of items had not received attention including a report on the level of swimming provision for Key Stage 2 primary school children within the Borough.

The Chair considered that the Scrutiny Committee should set out the areas of priority for inclusion within the work programme. He added that it was opportune for the Committee to scrutinise at the point when a service was under review as this would enable members to contribute to policy. Continuing the Chair suggested the following areas be included within the work programme:-

Elderly Care  
Dementia services  
Obesity  
Children and Families

With respect to dementia care it was agreed that the experience of service users would be included in the study. Councillor Spence commented, that within the Silverdale area, work was ongoing to achieve Dementia Friendly status.

Following on from a suggestion from Councillor Gardner that the Borough sign up to the Mental Health Challenge it was agreed that this suggestion be explored and a report submitted to this Committee for consideration.

On a separate issue Councillor Hailstones asked that any presentation or report be forwarded to members in advance of the meeting to allow for members to read and digest the information and therefore be in a good position to ask questions.

Councillor Sweeney, as Chair of the Fire Authority, reported that the Fire and Rescue Service was keen to look at work areas of synergy with the Ambulance Trust. Accordingly the Chair suggested the "blue light" services be invited to attend a future meeting.

Councillor Gardner referred to the GP referral service and to the activities provided at Jubilee2 to meet the needs of those referred. It was suggested that this Committee examine the take up of the service and how well such needs were being met; barriers to the take up of the service such as travelling distance and waiting times to be included in the study.

**Agreed:** That the Scrutiny Officer draw up a meeting schedule to reflect the issues requested by members, beginning with an examination of the dementia topic in October.

**6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

**7. URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

**COUNCILLOR DAVE JONES**  
**Chair**

Meeting concluded at 7.30 pm