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Date of meeting Thursday, 3rd August, 2017
Time 7.00 pm
Venue Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Merrial Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG
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Active and Cohesive Communities Scrutiny Committee

AGENDA

PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive Declarations of Interest from Members on items included on this agenda
- 3 MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 3 - 6)
- 4 WORK PLAN** (Pages 7 - 10)
To discuss and update the work plans to reflect current scrutiny topics
- 5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
Any member of the public wishing to submit a question must serve two clear days' notice, in writing, of any such question to the Borough Council.
- 6 URGENT BUSINESS**
To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 9 OCTOBER 2017**

Members: Councillors Allport, Bailey (Vice-Chair), Miss J Cooper, Eagles, Frankish, Heesom, Stubbs, J Tagg, G Williams (Chair), Winfield and Woolley



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Meeting Quorums :- 16+= 5 Members; 10-15=4 Members; 5-9=3 Members; 5 or less = 2 Members.

Officers will be in attendance prior to the meeting for informal discussions on agenda items.

Classification: NULBC **UNCLASSIFIED**

Active and Cohesive Communities Scrutiny Committee - 06/03/17

JOINT MEETING OF ACTIVE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 6th March, 2017
Time of Commencement: 6.30 pm

Present:- Councillor Mrs Gillian Williams – in the Chair

Councillors Allport, Burch, Miss J Cooper, Dymond, Gardner, L Hailstones, Heesom, Jones, Naylor, Spence, J Tagg, Walklate, S White, Woolley and Wright

Officers Andrew Arnott - Sport and Active Lifestyles Manager, Jayne Briscoe - Scrutiny Officer and Rob Foster - Head of Leisure and Cultural Services

Also in attendance – Duane Newton representing the Amateur Swimming Association, Will Boyce CEO of Approach and Jane Barnes Commissioning and Redesign Manager, Mental Health

Apologies were received from Councillor Frankish who was represented by Councillor Matthews.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

2. **APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Councillor Frankish who was represented by Councillor Matthews.

3. **DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SWIMMING - PRESENTATION FROM THE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**

Members of the Joint Scrutiny Committee received a presentation from Duane Newton of the Amateur Swimming Association who spoke with members on the topic of dementia friendly swimming. Duane Newton emphasised the life enhancing value of swimming and the importance in building partnerships between leisure, health and the social care sector in relation to raising social awareness of dementia within the community

Members questioned the additional cost of providing dementia friendly swimming sessions and Duane Newton gave examples of other authorities who had obtained funding from mental health bodies and from public health working alongside a private operator.

Will Boyce, CEO of Approach offered the support of his organisation and explained that the cost implications of becoming dementia friendly was relatively small and that it was more about an attitude of mind in supporting the client group and having an

empathic team of surrounding staff. He added that there was likely to be an increase in the number of people affected by dementia within the next 10-15 years.

The barriers to dementia friendly swimming included single sex changing rooms, cold pool temperature, and access to the pool (especially steps), and the availability of pool attendants to help.

There were no special regulations in relation to dementia friendly swimming although the Amateur Swimming Association had developed a checklist for pools considering offering the sessions. Training in relation to dementia would be most beneficial if it was introduced across all areas of the pool e.g. pool instructors, café areas. The context of training could be widened and extended to include other sectors of the community, for example schools.

The Chair of Health and Wellbeing reported on the very positive visit to Crewe Lifestyles Centre operated by Everybody Leisure where members had viewed a session of dementia friendly swimming (Aqua relax). The sessions were held in a smaller pool with the temperature of the water well controlled and with a specifically trained lifeguard. Carers were allowed into the pool. Councillor Jones added that the service users were extremely positive about the service and that there were distinct advantages to having a "gang" participate as they would encourage members to keep attending.

It was agreed that a Councillor should be nominated to champion the project. It was also agreed that a steering group be established to develop an action plan for dementia friendly swimming and complete the checklist as a first step to ascertain how dementia friendly the Councils leisure facilities are.

The Head of Leisure and Culture was very encouraged by the level of support pledged for the initiative and considered that dementia friendly swimming could be introduced into Jubilee 2 relatively easily although he pointed out that if the initiative was to achieve optimum success this would depend on partnership working prior to the sessions.

Members viewed the initiative as extremely positive and felt that it was "absolutely the right thing to do".

Agreed That the CEO of Approach be invited to attend the next meeting to present on dementia friendly initiatives.

That a steering group be established to develop an action plan for dementia friendly swimming and complete the checklist as a first step to ascertain how dementia friendly the Councils leisure facilities are.

4. **MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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

6. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next Joint Meeting - 12 April 2017

COUNCILLOR MRS GILLIAN WILLIAMS
Chair

Meeting concluded at 7.45 pm

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Members: Allport, Bailey, Julie
Cooper, Eagles, Frankish,
Heesom, Stubbs, J Tagg, G.
Williams, Winfield, Woolley

ACTIVE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

**Chair: Councillor Mrs Williams
Vice Chair: Councillor Bailey**

Portfolio Holder(s) covering the Committee's area of work:

Councillor Amelia Rout (Leisure and Culture)

Councillor Elizabeth Shenton (Policy, People and Partnerships)

Councillor John Williams (Town Centres, Property & Business)



The following topic areas fall into the remit of the Active and Cohesive Communities Scrutiny Committee:

Arts Development

Britain in Bloom

Cemeteries & Crematorium

Children and Young People

Safeguarding Board, Children's Centre District Management Board/Community Learning

Community Recreation

Cultural Development

Health Improvement

Leisure Facilities

Museum

Sports Development

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Date of Meeting	Item	Reason For Undertaking
17th June 2015 (Agenda dispatch 5th June 2015)	Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults	Further update on the action plan to be received (following consideration at 25th February 2014 meeting), with clarity regarding auditing of the policy requested
	Public Sector Commissioning in Partnership	Members to raise questions on extending (or otherwise) the existing infrastructure and volunteering service contract beyond May 2015 - decision to be made November/December
	Work Plan & Scrutiny Topics for 2015/2016	To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year
5th October 2015 (Agenda dispatch 25th September 2015)	Portfolio Holder(s) Question Time	An opportunity for the Committee to question the Portfolio Holder(s) on their priorities and work objectives for the next 6 months and an opportunity to address any issues or concerns that they may currently be facing. It is also an opportunity for the Portfolio Holder(s) to flag up areas within their remit that may benefit from scrutiny in the future i.e. policy development
	Work Plan & Scrutiny Topics for 2015/2016	To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year
9th October 2016	Work Programme & Scrutiny Topics for 2016/2017	Review and evaluation of Work Programme
28th November 2016	Review and development of the SPACE scheme	To compare the objectives of the scheme with specific evidence to see how well they have been met
	The Sport and Active Lifestyle Strategy 2016	To contribute to the Strategy
6th March 2017	Dementia Friendly Swimming (Joint Meeting)	To progress Demential Friendly Initiatives within the Borough
3rd August 2017	The Work Plan and Scrutiny Topics for 2017/2018	To discuss the work plan and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year

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