

## **HEALTH, WELLBEING & PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Monday, 3rd December, 2018  
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

**Present:-** Councillor Ian Wilkes – in the Chair

**Councillors:**

Miss J Cooper  
H. Maxfield  
R. Wright

A. Gardner  
P. Northcott

D. Jones  
B. Panter

T. Kearon  
A. Parker

**Officers**

Jayne Briscoe - Democratic Services  
Officer, Rob Foster - Head of Leisure and  
Cultural Services, Partnerships Manager  
- Sarah Moore and Trevor Smith -  
Partnership Intervention Officer

Also in attendance The Deputy Leader,  
Councillor Sweeney and Councillor Mark  
Holland, Cabinet Member for Leisure and  
Culture, representing Councillor J  
Waring.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Heesom, Councillor Horsfall and Councillor J Waring. Councillor Moffatt attended the meeting as a substitute for Councillor Horsfall.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Moffatt declared an interest as Vice Chair of North Staffs Mind and Councillor Northcott declared an interest as Vice Chair of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 10 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September be agreed as a correct record.

**4. MINUTES OF THE HEALTHY STAFFORDSHIRE SELECT COMMITTEE - 17 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Agreed:** That the minutes of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee held on 17 September 2018 be noted.

**5. SPACE 2018 EVALUATION REPORT**

The Acting Chief Executive submitted an evaluation of Space 2018, a programme of activities for young people between the ages of 8 and 17 during the school holidays across the Borough which were co-ordinated on behalf of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and split into 3 elements – the core offer, detached youth service and additional targeted activities.

Members commented on the impressive outcomes from the scheme both in numbers of young people engaged and reduction in anti-social behaviour. It was recognised that there was likely to be further investment via the Space Scheme in the Chesterton area during 2019 and that further efforts would be made to increase the amount of marketing carried out on social media.

Members considered how it would be very helpful, in terms of planning and commissioning activities, to have clarity and an earlier indication of the amount of funding available from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

**Agreed:** That a letter be sent on behalf of the Committee to the Police and Crime Commissioner, explaining how it would be helpful in terms of planning and commissioning of the SPACE scheme activities to have an earlier indication of the level of funding available.

## 6. **BRITAIN IN BLOOM**

The Executive Director of Operational Services reported on the success of the Borough in the Britain in Bloom Campaign in winning a gold award and representing the region in the RHS National Britain in Bloom Champion of Champions category. The Borough also achieved the judge's discretionary award for Wild About Gardens and a local community partner received a Community Champion award.

A table within the report set out the costs and benefits of the scheme.

The Committee members congratulated the Britain in Bloom Team for their outstanding achievements.

**Agreed:** That the gratitude of the Committee for the hard work and outstanding achievement be conveyed to all members of the Britain in Bloom Team.

## 7. **COMMUNITY RECREATION AND LEISURE STRATEGY**

The Executive Director of Operational Services submitted a report which examined the way in which the Borough Council could best focus its limited resources on the prevention of ill health and to reduce health inequalities.

The report asked members to examine whether the Borough was achieving the optimum it could in promoting activities which helped to prevent illness and the resultant consequences of inactivity, bearing in mind that there was no new money available.

A 2018 Active People survey demonstrated that whilst the Borough was relatively successful in engaging with people who are active there remained 31,800 inactive borough residents and there were inequalities between the wards. Strategies designed to address this issue were outlined such as engaging with Active Lives to continue the offer available to participants.

Members pointed out that a lack of public transport was a barrier to older people being able to reach the activities and also the challenge of engaging with the 11-15 year old teenage group were highlighted.

**Agreed:** (i) That the approach of developing the community recreation and leisure strategy with the involvement of key stakeholders to encourage participation by the least active residents (both adults and children) of the Borough be supported.

(ii) That members of the Scrutiny Committee review the Active Lives surveys and provide feedback to officers will help shape the development of the service and strategy for consideration by Cabinet.

8. **EVALUATION OF IMPACT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAMMES**

The Executive Director of Operational Services submitted an evaluation of the impact and effectiveness of educational programmes offered by the Leisure and Culture section of the Borough Council.

Jubilee2, offered educational courses in climbing and aquatics and the Brampton Museum offered learning opportunities supporting the curriculum outside the classroom and in schools.

Members pointed out that the majority of activities at the Brampton museum were for children although Museum staff could deliver activities for adults.

**Agreed:** (i) That members of this Committee receive further information on opportunities for adult learning at Brampton Museum.

9. **CCTV REPORT**

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency presented this report on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing and gave an update on the review of the CCTV arrangements in Newcastle Town Centre. The work has been undertaken in liaison with this Committee (21/6/2018) and (10/09/2018) who have undertaken visits to the Borough Councils CCTV monitoring facilities and to the facility operated by Stoke on Trent City Council.

The Portfolio Holders review:

- Considered the existing equipment in place and the current restrictions due to age and limited visibility in some areas due to large trees and blind spots due to changes in the environment.
- Defined the CCTV Volunteers services, which provides additional coverage managed by the Business Improvement District (BID) under a service level agreement, currently funded by the BID, Police and Council until March 2019.

- Considered the opportunities for future development, including retendering the current system.

Continuing, the report identified a number of potential options.

Scrutiny members commented on the extensive CCTV operation at Stoke on Trent City Council and the benefits which could be gained from sharing the system. Scrutiny members also raised the need to engage with partners to help fund and sustain CCTV provision within the Borough.

**Agreed:** That Cabinet be informed that this Committee supports the option to explore a CCTV system upgrade, including its monitoring arrangements via a paid service; further recommendations to be presented to Cabinet including options and costings, clearly identifying any budget shortfall and proposed funding, including partnership contributions and possible partnering with neighbouring authorities.

#### 10. **PARKINSON'S DISEASE**

Councillor Maxfield presented her report on Parkinson's support, help and advice. Councillor Maxfield visited a Parkinson's Support Group to hear about the most significant effects of the disease, the help and support given to sufferers, impact on daily life, what support the members wished had been given and experiences with currently available therapies. Councillor Maxfield had also held discussions with medical practitioners and Parkinson's UK representatives. Councillor Maxfield circulated copies of booklet she had produced *You have Parkinson's.....What now? A Self-help guide from initial diagnosis.*

Members congratulated Councillor Maxfield on the extent, nature and depth of her research and recommended to Cabinet that the contents be highlighted and promoted with health partners.

**Agreed:** That the work carried out by Councillor Maxfield be forwarded to Cabinet with a recommendation that the information is highlighted and promoted to health partners.

#### 11. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public on this occasion.

#### 12. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

#### 13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 4 MARCH 2019**

Monday 4 March 2018 at 7:00pm

#### 14. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Acting Chief Executive reported on the work programme.

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A member raised the issue of monkey dust and asked that the Committee examine the work that is being done to help address the issue.

It was also agreed that the Committee would engage with the consultation on the future of local health services in Northern Staffordshire.

**Agreed:** That the work programme be amended accordingly.

**COUNCILLOR IAN WILKES**  
**Chair**

Meeting concluded at 8.50 pm

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