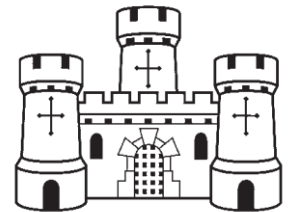


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**Date of meeting** Monday, 7th June, 2021  
**Time** 7.00 pm  
**Venue** Astley Room - Castle  
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## **Health, Wellbeing & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee**

### **AGENDA**

#### **PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA**

- 1 APOLOGIES**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 3 MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING** **(Pages 3 - 8)**  
To consider the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.
- 4 UPDATE FROM CABINET**  
Nothing to report.
- 5 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UPDATE** **(Pages 9 - 16)**
- 6 ENCOURAGING GREATER USE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACES** **(Pages 17 - 20)**
- 7 MEETING WITH THE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP** **(Pages 21 - 22)**
- 8 MINUTES OF THE HEALTHY STAFFORDSHIRE SELECT COMMITTEE - 16 MARCH 2021** **(Pages 23 - 24)**  
To receive feedback from members of this committee who attended the meetings of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee
- 9 WORK PROGRAMME** **(Pages 25 - 30)**
- 10 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.
- 11 URGENT BUSINESS**

## 12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 13 SEPTEMBER 2021

**Members:** Councillors Ian Wilkes (Chair), Julie Cooper (Vice-Chair), John Cooper, Barry Panter, Mark Holland, Silvia Burgess, Allison Gardner, Tony Kearon, Sue Moffat, Ruth Wright and Bert Proctor

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### **SUBSTITUTE MEMBER SCHEME** (Appendix 9, Section 4 of Constitution)

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Substitute Members:	Kenneth Owen	Andrew Fear
	Jennifer Cooper	Andrew Fox-Hewitt
	Graham Hutton	Sarah Pickup

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## HEALTH, WELLBEING & PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 1st March, 2021  
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

**Present:** Councillor Ian Wilkes (Chair)

<b>Councillors:</b>	Julie Cooper	Barry Panter	Mark Holland
	John Cooper	Ruth Wright	Bert Proctor
	Allison Gardner	Sue Moffat	
	Tony Kearon	Silvia Burgess	

<b>Officers:</b>	Andrew Bird	Head of Recycling, Waste and Fleet Services
	Catherine Fox	Partnerships Vulnerability Officer
	Denise French	Democratic Services Team Leader
	Sarah Moore	Partnerships Manager

Also in attendance: Councillor Helena Maxfield, Portfolio Holder, Community Safety and Wellbeing  
Matthew Ellis, Staffordshire Commissioner, Police, Fire and Rescue, Crime  
Helen Jarvie, Office of the Staffordshire Commissioner  
Becky Murphy, Staffordshire County Council

### 23. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jill Waring, Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Heritage.

### 24. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

### 25. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December be confirmed as a correct record.

### 26. **UPDATE FROM CABINET**

There was nothing to report from Cabinet.

### 27. **DOMESTIC ABUSE UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report on Domestic Abuse. The report outlined the demand for services and summarised the services available for those affected by domestic abuse in the Borough. Catherine Fox, Partnerships Vulnerability Officer, presented the report with contributions from Sarah Moore, Partnerships Manager, Becky Murphy of Staffordshire County Council, Helen Jarvie from the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and Matthew Ellis, Staffordshire Commissioner for Police, Fire and Rescue and Crime.

The Committee was advised that the work referred to the situation during 2020 based on data from the year. The MARAC (multi agency domestic abuse conference) had continued its work which had been a pilot project in Newcastle-under-Lyme but had now continued and had been introduced across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. Work with vulnerable people had increased and investment in Domestic Abuse services had been increased including through funding pots from the Ministry of Justice. The situation with levels of Domestic Abuse during Covid had been unclear to start with but data now showed that cases had increased. At the start of the pandemic, many people had sought help via the National Helplines and were then referred to local services. This had seen a slight increase in calls for support until around October 2020 when a sustained increase had been seen to the range of support services available. There had been communications around where support was available and there was around a 25% increase in calls for support. Providers had responded well to increased demand and adapted services with online support available but some face to face support such as in school settings was offered.

Members raised a number of queries and issues on the report:

- Were there many cases of child to adult violence? Members were informed that there were around 15 cases per quarter that were referred to commissioners that were child on parent abuse. This figure had not increased during the pandemic. In April 2021 a dedicated support offer to individuals affected was to be made called 'Who's in Charge'.
- What were waiting times for services once an initial approach had been made? This depended on type of service and level of risk; if it was a high risk situation then assessment and triage would be immediate; if lower risk, after initial support and guidance there may be a wait time of a few weeks for further support.
- Was the Children and Young Person's Glow domestic abuse service finishing at the end of March and what would happen after that? The Committee was advised that the contract was due to end on 31<sup>st</sup> March but a contingency plan was in place to ensure there would be no gaps in service and there would be an extension to the service using the Locality Deal Funding passported to the Borough Council on behalf of the Newcastle Partnership from the Commissioner's Office.
- A question was asked about Domestic Homicide Reviews. It was explained that any recommendations from DHRs would be shared with relevant agencies who would take any learnings or development requirements into account.
- Members referred to specific agencies Mankind, Broken Rainbow and Karma Nirvana and their role. Members were advised that Mankind was to support male victims of domestic abuse; in relation to other agencies the information would be shared outside of the meeting as information was not to hand. The Partnership Manager explained that the responsibility for DHRs was with district councils with the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership, Cllr Maxfield. There had been 2 Panels which had held scoping reviews and submitted returns to the Government; all partners were invited to the scoping

review and participated. A project with Karma Nirvana had taken place around 4 years ago at Newcastle college to raise awareness of honour based violence. The local refuge would also access their services if needed. There was also an initiative in 2019 when the New Vic Theatre had hosted a roadshow by Karma Nirvana to raise awareness about so called honour based violence through a drama production which many students had accessed.

- Were cases increasing and was Newcastle Borough similar to other areas? Members were advised that the situation in the Borough was similar to the rest of the UK with an increase of around 25%.
- Could Members be reassured that the new statutory obligations for safe accommodation that come into force on 1 April 2021 could be met without any gap in provision? Members were advised that the statutory requirement was to set up a partnership group to lead on this and in Staffordshire there were already partnership arrangements through Domestic Abuse Commissioning and Development Board with a broad range of partners. One of the sub groups was focusing on safe accommodation and funding had now been confirmed from MCHLG and this would enable existing services to be maintained while a broader needs assessment was undertaken.
- Was data available for case numbers on a smaller basis than 24 months? Members were informed that statistics were available on a quarterly basis as follows– January – March 2020 saw 122 enquiries and referrals; April – June was 121 ; July to September was 150; and October to December saw 189 referrals. This represented an increase in demand of over 50%.
- What happened to those who received referrals but were then not supported? The Committee was informed that enquiries and referrals covered a broad spectrum from a family member making an enquiry to a referral from the police. It could be that a person chose not to engage.
- The Borough had the third highest number of recorded incidents and was the funding reflected in this? Funding provided from the Commissioner's office was for service across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent and was a baseline pot and was not proportioned out.
- What was the policy regarding 'consent to contact'? Members were informed that in cases of Police involvement the Police would make the victim aware that they would be referred to a service and given an offer of support. The policy was that the victim would be made aware that there were services available and they would be made contact with.
- Had any face to face support been maintained if needed? Members were informed that the New Era service had operated from its 2 premises which were Covid secure; if a victim needed to meet a support worker these offices could be used. For CYP New Era staff could access children in a school environment if needed. There was PPE available and lateral flow testing was being considered. Members were also informed about the Ask Annie initiative to enable people to access support via pharmacies; this was an initiative developed by the Commissioner's Office and police colleagues in Staffordshire and had been launched nationally by the Home Office. Members were also advised that the CYP with GLOW service had put in measures to ensure they could support children and young people in a face to face way where necessary.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be received and noted and those involved be thanked for the detailed report.

**28. TACKLING FAITH AND RACE HATE - PROJECT**

Councillor Moffat presented on a New Vic Theatre project to tackle faith and race hate. She was presenting in her role as Director of New Vic Borderlines.

Councillor Moffat explained that the Government had made £1.8m available through the Faith, Race and Hate Crime Grant scheme; the funding was available for established community groups and organisations for projects that champion building a diverse and tolerant society for all faiths and races.

Borderlines project was called 'It's Not as Simple as Black and White' and had received £222,931. It would be launched on 20<sup>th</sup> March. The project used the idea of football to tackle faith and race hate; looking at how tactics could tackle faith and race hate with solutions not sides. The project was supported by Port Vale Football Club. Since November the project had worked with over 2000 people with workshops and strategies about how faith and race hate could be tackled. The project was being extended and it was hoped could be taken into schools and at the New Vic. The UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was 21 March with a poster/banner competition being launched on 20 March; banners would be chosen for display at Port Vale's ground and there would be an online display.

Members commended the work by the Borderlines project. Reference was made to a football match a number of years ago organised by Cyril Regis that raised awareness of race. The Committee was told that the project would continue up to the start of the European football championships. The Partnership Manager referred to work at Keele University by the Students Union on hate crime plus work by Staffordshire County Council working in partnership to address hate crime and develop community cohesion. Councillor Moffat advised that there was a Steering Group which would welcome representation from the Council; it was also hoped that the project would be the start of future development work along the themes outlined.

**Resolved:** that the presentation be received.

## 29. **PARKS AND OPEN SPACES SCRUTINY REVIEW**

Councillor Moffat updated on the Parks and Open Spaces Scrutiny Review. The Group had met and considered an interim report. Following discussion at the meeting a further meeting had been arranged to discuss the key points raised including:

- The importance of open space to physical and mental health and wellbeing
- Ensuring this is recognised and given priority in the annual budget process
- Identify and make use of any digital opportunities through the One Council programme
- Look at pilot work in some key spaces to develop website content, location maps, QR codes and suggestions were to trial this in Lyme Valley and Bathpool Parks
- Review 'Report It' functions on the website to ensure greater use
- Consider a tree planting project taking into account the Environmental Sustainability Strategy and look at incorporating the potential for sponsoring a tree; consider a project to plant 850 trees to celebrate 850 Anniversary in 2023
- Identify external funding and partnership opportunities.

A further meeting was taking place on 15<sup>th</sup> April after which a report and recommendations would be submitted to the Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.

**Resolved:** that the update be received.

**30. MINUTES OF THE HEALTHY STAFFORDSHIRE SELECT COMMITTEE - 1 FEBRUARY 2021**

The Committee considered the digest from Staffordshire County Council outlining the work of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee at the recent meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.

**Resolved:** that the update be received.

**31. MEETING WITH THE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP**

The Head of Recycling and Fleet updated on a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February between the Chair and Vice Chair with Tracey Shewan, Director of Communications from the Clinical Commissioning Group.

The main focus of the meeting had been the response to Covid-19. There had been a large reduction in inpatient numbers with the latest figures being 140 in the Royal Stoke Hospital and 10 in the County Hospital. Of these there were 38 patients in Critical Care. Members had asked about the age group and were advised that there was an increase in younger patients with the youngest in patient being 18 years of age. Rates of infection had decreased particularly in North Staffordshire. There was great progress with the vaccination programme; 98% of those over 80 years of age had received their first vaccine and 100% of people aged 70 -79 had been vaccinated. The picture regarding Care Home residents showed good progress with vaccinations. The vaccination by Ward had been circulated by email earlier and showed total numbers although not percentages. There had been an increase in people coming forward for testing based on symptoms although they did not necessarily have the virus; it was positive that people were aware of symptoms and the need to be tested. There was a wealth of volunteer support for the vaccination programme which was welcomed. The main message was to continue communications around good hygiene and social distancing. The key message was that the virus did not move; it was moved by people.

Members referred to issues around family groups continuing to visit shops which made social distancing more difficult. Members noted from their own experience the efficient manner of delivering the vaccine. There were also examples of great communications from GP practices. Members noted lower figures for certain areas such as Chesterton, Knutton and Madeley and asked whether this was low take up or lower population. The Head of Recycling and Fleet explained that there were no particular issues highlighted at the meeting but for the future it would be helpful to receive analytical data that enabled greater scrutiny and clarity.

Members referred to helpful messages from the Council Communications' team that were shared by Members to ensure the key issues continued to be reinforced.

**Resolved:** that the update be received.

**32. WORK PROGRAMME**

Members considered the Work Programme. The item on Anti-Social Behaviour had originally been scheduled for this meeting but had been agreed with the Chair and Vice Chair to defer it to June in order not to overload officers and Members and give sufficient time to consider important topics. The June meeting would also consider the final report from the Scrutiny Review of Parks and Open Spaces. The September meeting would hear a report from the Newcastle Housing Advice Service following it being brought in-house from April. Members would also receive the regular update from the CCG meetings with Tracey Shewan and the work that the Borough was undertaking such as use of Covid Marshals in the high streets.

**Resolved:** that the Work Programme as outlined be approved.

**33. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no Members of the Public present.

**34. URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

**35. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 7 JUNE 2021**

**Chair**

Meeting concluded at 8.50 pm



**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO**

**Health Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee**

**07 June 2021**

**Report Title:** Anti-Social Behaviour Update

**Submitted by:** Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing

**Portfolios:** Community Safety and Wellbeing

**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Purpose of the Report**

This report seeks to provide a further update to the Scrutiny Committee on current anti-social behaviour demand and the initiatives coordinated by Newcastle Borough Council for those both engaging in and/or affected by anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the Borough.

**Recommendation**

That the Scrutiny Committee consider the information presented and raise questions as appropriate.

**Reasons**

The Scrutiny Committee requested an update report on ASB in the Borough and in particular covering the following –

- ASB demand in the Borough
- How ASB is being dealt by the Council at identified hotspot locations, including the use of diversionary and/or enforcement activities for those engaging in ASB.
- If there has been any impact of disruption to ASB related services for children and young people caused by the pandemic.

1. **Background**

- 1.1 Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is a broad term used to describe the day-to-day incidents of crime, nuisance and disorder that make many people's lives a misery. These range from litter and vandalism, to public drunkenness or aggressive behaviour, to noisy or abusive neighbours. Such a wide range of behavior's means that responsibility for dealing with anti-social behaviour is shared between a number of agencies, particularly the police, councils and social landlords. The ASB Policy and Procedure 2020 defines Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council's approach to tackling ASB, in partnership with other statutory agencies.
- 1.2 The legal definition of ASB can be found in Section 2 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act (2014); *"conduct that has caused, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person, or conduct capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person in relation to that person's occupation of residential premises, or conduct capable of causing housing-related nuisance or annoyance to any person..."*
- 1.3 Types of ASB and/or nuisance may include (but not limited to);
- Misuse of public spaces
  - Rowdy, aggressive or threatening behaviour or language
  - Property damage and vandalism
  - Repeat verbal or written abuse, intimidation, harassment or threats

- Acts of violence
  - Hate crime
  - Anti-social behaviour as a result of misuse of drugs or alcohol
  - Off road riding of motorbikes or mopeds.
  - Repeat noise nuisance
  - Environmental issues including fly-tipping, vandalism, dog fouling.
- 1.4 The Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 introduced a number of tools for tackling ASB, as well as deleting some previously used tools, such as Anti-social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs), which were no longer deemed to be effective.
- 1.5 Officers from the Partnerships Team worked with colleagues in Environmental Health services and with a number of other partners to produce an ASB Policy and accompanying Procedure, in order to outline the Council's approach to tackling ASB and to make the best use of the powers available from the 2014 Act.
- 1.6 The Council's Partnerships Team has responsibility for community safety and related partnership work within the Newcastle Partnership and administers the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to discharge statutory obligations, including ASB powers.
- 1.7 The Council's Environmental Health service has responsibility for discharging the Council's statutory duties – including dealing with complaints/enquiries regarding licensing, noise and other nuisances, dog controls, inappropriate storage of trade waste, litter enforcement, and as such often works alongside the Partnerships Team on issues affecting both service areas.
- 1.8 The Council's Legal service provides advice and assistance in relation to ASB and Environmental Health including the enforcement of civil proceedings with both the Partnerships Team and Environmental Health service.
- 1.9 The Council works with a variety of partners in preventing and tackling ASB. By working together as a Partnership, they seek to ensure the community is safer and stronger. The partners bring a range of expertise, experience and additional powers that when collaborated, can assist in resolving issues more effectively. As part of this collaborative approach an information sharing protocol has been developed to ensure that appropriate information flows between partners quickly to expedite the resolution of the issues.
- 1.10 There are also a number of formal mechanisms with partners in place to manage ASB and associated activity, including;
- The Joint Operations Group
  - The ASB and Early Intervention Case Conference
  - Partnership Vulnerability Hub
  - Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) Panel

## 2. **Local demand snapshot**

- 2.1 **Total number of new ASB cases** received in 2020/21 = **461** (increase of 26% when compared to last financial year 2019/20 = 342).
- 2.2 There were also the following enforcements issued during 2020/21;
- Community Protection Warnings = 29
  - Community Protection Notices = 21
  - Fixed Penalty Notices issued for breaches of Community Protection Notices = 13

2.3 There were 100 young people referred to the monthly ASB and Early Intervention Case Conference over a 12 month period and managed throughout the year.

2.4 Of the total ASB complaints received and cases opened in 2020/21, these can be broken down into the following Locality Action Partnership (LAPs) areas for the Borough;

AREA	Totals
AUDLEY	14
BETLEY, KEELE & MADELEY	6
BUTT LANE & TALKE	14
EAST NEWCASTLE	112
CHESTERTON	45
KIDSGROVE	41
NEWCASTLE RURAL	2
NEWCASTLE SOUTH	186
PARTNERSHIP OF WESTERN COMMUNITIES	41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>461</b>

2.5 The total ASB complaints received are broken down into the following ASB type;

ASB TYPE	Totals
General Nuisance	175
Neighbour Dispute	1
Neighbour Nuisance	61
Threatening Behaviour/assault	6
Intimidation	5
Motorbike nuisance	8
Suspected Drug Activity	22
Rubbish/Fly tipping	11
Gang nuisance	55
Fires	8
Trees	1
Nuisance/Dogs	2
Noise	21
Racism	5
Vandalism/Graffiti/Damage	10
Parking issue	5
Vulnerability	1
Park Nuisance	3
Nuisance/E-scooters	3
Nuisance/CPNW	22
Nuisance/Travellers	2
Nuisance/Rough Sleepers	13
COVID 19 Breach	21
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>461</b>

### 3. **Local Arrangements to Deal with ASB and Local Authority Powers**

- 3.1 Dealing with ASB can be complex. Information, support and low level interventions to tackle the causes of ASB at an early stage are as important as effective case management and timely enforcement action. The majority of complaints can be resolved through early intervention methods and these are considered with the complainant during the initial contact risk assessment with the emphasis on stopping bad behaviour before it escalates. Legal action will usually be approved where all early interventions have failed or the ASB is serious enough to warrant such action and it is proportionate to take further action.
- 3.2 Effective case management underpins the successful resolution of ASB. This starts from when a complaint is received until the matter is resolved. The welfare, safety and well-being of victims, whose complaints form the basis of any action, are the main consideration at every stage of the process. The Council will use its electronic case management systems, relevant to the department leading the response to the case, to keep a full and accurate record of the initial complaint and any subsequent actions, communication and outcomes connected to it.
- 3.3 Assessing the risk of harm and effectively safeguarding the victim is also an important part of case management. It is important to identify the impact ASB is having on the victim, particularly if repeated incidents are having a cumulative effect on their well-being. A continuous and detailed risk assessment helps to identify cases that are causing, or could result in serious harm to the victim, either as a one-off incident or as part of a targeted and persistent campaign of ASB against the victim.
- 3.4 The Partnership will agree timescales and create an action plan for responding to each reported case of ASB. It will also support victims of ASB throughout the case working alongside partners to ensure that any support needs are met via a victim centred approach (e.g. Victims Gateway, Challenge North Staffs). Criminal activities reported to the Council are promptly disseminated to the Police to maximise opportunities to achieve multi-agency cooperation. The case is fully investigated in accordance with relevant legislation.
- 3.5 The Council and Partners use the following tools to address low level incidents of ASB;
- Diversionary Activities
  - Community resolutions / mediation
  - Target Hardening and safer by design tactics
  - Verbal and Written Warnings
  - Acceptable Behaviour Contracts / Parenting Contracts
  - Community Protection Notice Warnings
- 3.6 The Council and Partners use the following formal / legal action to address more serious incidents of ASB;
- Civil Injunctions
  - Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO)
  - Community Protection Notices (CPN)
  - Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)
  - Closure Orders

#### 4. **Issues for consideration**

##### 4.1 **Effects of COVID**

- 4.1.1 The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted those affected by ASB nationally, regionally and locally. Services have retained their front door to victims of ASB and their families and action against perpetrators have continued. In response to the first national lockdown early in Spring 2020, Newcastle-under-Lyme began to see an increased number of ASB complaints, specifically neighbour disputes, it is thought that the reasoning behind this is that more people were residing within their residential properties and community tensions heightened due to no other distractions.
- 4.1.2 Partners from across the area including all service providers, Police, housing, social care, community safety and health continued to meet weekly to examine the trends around ASB. Other partners also reported increased ASB complaints reported, in particular neighbour dispute complaints. A further trend was a decrease in ASB complaints relating to congregations, intimidation and anti-social behaviour in outdoor spaces, it is thought that this is due to the national and local restrictions of the 'stay at home' government direction.
- 4.1.3 The Borough Council ensured that support was in place for any vulnerable residents throughout the pandemic and this was true to the case of individuals who fell victim to ASB. Coordinated multi agency support was progressed and offered throughout. Meetings that would have been had in 'normal' setting throughout the pandemic have remained consistent and have continued through the use of Microsoft Teams and virtual meetings and contact via email letters and telephone contact continued as normal.
- 4.1.4 Throughout the Covid19 pandemic the Borough Council like many other regions saw a number of households dismissing the covid19 restrictions and guidelines and continuing to socialise and also in some cases engage in ASB. These individuals were issued with Partnership advisory letters created between the Borough Council, Police and other partners such as participating social landlords. If ignored the community protection legislation was initiated by the Council and this has now seen numerous individuals issued with both warnings, notices, fines and court prosecutions. Numerous individuals have also been excluded from certain areas of the Borough, most commonly Newcastle town centre.

##### 4.2 **Delivery of Diversionary activities**

- 4.2.1 Diversionary activities have not been able to be progressed as readily as in previous years due to the restrictions following the Covid19 pandemic. Some have not been able to go ahead at all due to the government restrictions to keep everybody safe and for those that have been delivered, the majority has been on a virtual engagement basis over the internet. This has seen numerous younger people not been able to engage in activities so the outcomes that had previously been achieved for positive social interaction, control, healthy activities through sport, teamwork etc. haven't be achievable.
- 4.2.2 The Borough Council is keen to reintegrate activity where possible and are currently in conversations with other partners to look to introduce the SPACE scheme to Newcastle under Lyme in readiness for Summer 2021, subject to health and safety guidance and taking the relevant precautions to keep participants safe and well.
- 4.2.3 The Council is also working with local schools and the County Council to develop a range of complementary activities for delivery throughout the remainder of the year to encourage young people into meaningful engagement and development opportunities.

### 4.3 **Implementation of CCTV**

4.3.1 Over the last 12 months, Newcastle Borough Council have commissioned and mobilised a new CCTV system into Newcastle Town Centre, delivered by Stoke-on-Trent City Council, which provides 24/7 monitoring and is linked directly to the Newcastle Local Policing Team. This has proved to be extremely beneficial in the reactive detection of ASB and other town centre crime, including licensing offences and business crime, because of the proactive nature of the service. Further to this project the Council are also further refining and enhancing the coverage in the town centre by coordinating a programme of works to install further CCTV cameras around subway locations to contribute to improving fear of crime. There are also other areas of the Borough that are being considered for further CCTV, subject to being able to identify external funding and Officers are assisting a number of Stakeholders to develop proposals lawfully.

### 4.4 **Substance Misuse, Mental Health, Homelessness and ASB**

4.4.1 As reported to HW& P Scrutiny Committee last year, the Council's Partnership Team have been actively working with the Housing Team and other partners including the Rough Sleepers service, delivered by Brighter Futures, to tackle perceived issues of ASB involving customers with complex needs e.g. substance misuse, homelessness and mental health.

4.4.2 The Council is committed to working with partners to reduce ASB and improving the quality of life for local people and reducing crime and fear of crime within our communities. It is acknowledged that the issues of street drinking, begging and rough sleeping are perceived as a problem by some residents but they are extremely complex to resolve. Through the work with partners, many people found to be causing problems have complex needs including mental health and substance misuse but are reluctant to engage with specialist services.

4.4.3 The Council is continuing to actively work with partners to ensure that appropriate support can be provided to those individuals identified but where support is refused and individuals continue to behave in an anti-social manner, enforcement action will be taken by the Council and our Police colleagues.

4.4.4 Over the last 12 months, the Borough Council has had a noticeable increase of complaints relating to those street drinking and displaying rowdy and disruptive behaviour. Enforcement action has been initiated in a small number of cases against individuals persistently causing ASB for other town centre users, however this activity is used a last resort, when all other attempts to engage and support have been exhausted, with partners to consider any presenting factors including substance misuse, mental health, welfare concern, benefits and access to accommodation.

## 5. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

5.1 The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act (2014) places statutory duties on and gives powers to local authorities in challenging ASB in the community.

5.2 The application of any enforcement powers under the Act will also take into account any statutory guidance / regulations and will reflect the requirements of the Act and the Council's adopted Enforcement Policy.

5.3 The Council's scheme of delegation gives clarity and legal certainty over who is able to exercise the various powers within the Act which fall within the remit of the Council.



6. **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been developed for the Borough Council's ASB Policy and is available on request.

7. **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 7.1 The Borough Council commits resources from the Partnerships Team to co-ordinate ASB activity and enforcement with internal colleagues and external partners in the Borough.
- 7.2 Enforcement of the ASB legislation is predominantly civil and it is anticipated that this may therefore have financial implications for the Council in terms of increased legal costs. Any potential increase is unknown at this time but Officers will provide further information when available. In the short term this will be managed by existing resources but kept under review.

8. **Major Risks**

- 8.1 If the Borough's ASB response is inadequate and/or does not have enough capacity, the ability to undertake early intervention and preventative work with partners and/or enforcement activity, increases the risk of more incidents of ASB in the Borough.
- 8.2 Failure to take appropriate action regarding the use of ASB powers and legislation may result in the Council being unable to perform its statutory duties, leaving the Council open to legal challenge.
- 8.3 There is also a risk of reputational damage to the Council if it does not deliver its statutory duties lawfully and effectively.

9. **UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)**

- 9.1 N/A

10. **Key Decision Information**

- 10.1 This report can be considered key in the following ways: -
- It results in the Borough Council committing existing resources for the function to which the decision relates and;
  - To be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral wards in the Borough.

11. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

- 11.1 Anti Social Behaviour Policy and Procedure - January 2020

12. **List of Appendices**

- 12.1 N/A

13. **Background Papers**

- 13.1 N/A

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## NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

### EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE HEALTH, WELLBEING AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

#### Health Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

07 June 2021

**Report Title:** Encouraging Greater Use of Parks and Open Spaces

**Submitted by:** Executive Director – Operational Services

**Portfolios:** Environment and Recycling; Leisure, Culture and Heritage

**Ward(s) affected:** All

#### **Purpose of the Report**

To report the findings of the Parks and Open Spaces Working Group in relation to the use of parks and open spaces for the benefit of physical and mental health and wellbeing, and to recommend actions to the Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.

#### **Recommendation**

That the Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee receive the report of the Parks and Open Spaces Working Group, and report to the Cabinet on any matters they wish to recommend for further action.

#### **Reasons**

To respond to a request from members of the Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to explore the potential for encouraging greater use of parks and open spaces to promote physical and mental health and wellbeing.

### 1. **Background**

1.1 A Parks and Open Spaces Working Group was established in March 2020 and has met a number of times to consider how greater use of parks and open spaces could be encouraged to benefit physical and mental health and wellbeing. The following topic areas were explored:

What is the current level of use of parks and open spaces in the Borough?

Are there barriers to use and if so, what are they?

What knowledge is there among residents of the open spaces in their area? How is this promoted and publicised and is this effective?

1.2 The working group received reports exploring these topic areas and questioned officers on related matters.

### 2. **Issues**

2.1 At the meeting of 15 April 2021, after final debate and discussion, the working group agreed the following:

- Working group recommend to the parent committee that the importance of open spaces for physical and mental health and wellbeing is emphasised and given appropriate priority in the Council's annual budget setting programme and the One Council programme in relation to digital promotion of the service and customer engagement with it.
  - Initial pilot work is undertaken to improve information on open spaces on the website, including a register of strategic open spaces with location maps, and QR codes at 2 sites (Lyme Valley and Bathpool Park) which enable users to upload feedback. Resources need to be made available to implement this work. Existing web "report it" functions are reviewed and improved via the One Council programme where necessary.
  - The existing tree planting project in the Environmental Sustainability Strategy is reviewed to incorporate potential community "sponsor a tree" initiatives (eg 850 trees to celebrate the Borough's 850th anniversary in 2023) and Britain in Bloom community projects. The Council's Urban Forest Strategy (2013) is also reviewed and updated to reaffirm support for such initiatives.
- External funding and partnership activity is reviewed and capacity issues highlighted.

2.2 The work of the Parks and Open Spaces Scrutiny Working Party therefore concluded at this stage, and the above recommendations are proposed to the Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee at this meeting.

### 3. **Proposal**

3.1 That the Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee receive the report of the Parks and Open Spaces Working Group, and report to the Cabinet on any matters they wish to recommend for further action.

### 4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

4.1 To respond to a request from members of the Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to explore the potential for encouraging greater use of parks and open spaces to promote physical and mental health and wellbeing.

### 5. **Options Considered**

5.1 The Parks and Open Spaces Working Group considered and debated a range of options as part of their review, and concluded that the 4 areas detailed above should be prioritised for initial consideration.

### 6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

6.1 There are no implications arising from this report. The Council has the power to provide and maintain parks and open spaces for public use and enjoyment as part of its remit.

### 7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

7.1 Equality issues will be considered as part of any work which is taken forward, including exploration of any current barriers to use of parks and open spaces and how these can be overcome.

## 8. Financial and Resource Implications

8.1 Financial and resource implications will be considered as part of any work which is taken forward as a result of the recommendations of the task and finish group. However, appropriate resource needs to be considered for any suggestions to be driven forward.

8.2 There are a number of parks and open spaces improvement projects currently included in the Council's 10 year capital programme, which are considered and prioritised each year as part of the budget setting process. The Council also seeks improvements through the planning process for either provision of new open space or improvement of existing.

8.3 In addition, there are external grant funding opportunities available, but resource is required to make applications, which can often be complex and time-consuming, particularly for larger scale projects. At present, capacity is very limited to facilitate grant applications for larger schemes.

8.4 For recommendation 2, it is estimated that short term project support is required to implement the initial improvement work to the website. A budget of around £5,000 would be needed to complete this work.

8.5 For recommendation 3, it is considered that this work can be undertaken and funded as part of the Britain in Bloom "business as usual" work programme.

## 9. Major Risks

9.1 The major risks arising from this piece of work are the potential for creating expectations around options that might be identified but are not affordable or otherwise within the Council's ability to deliver.

## 10. UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)

10.1 Sustainability and Climate Change Implications will be considered as part of any work which is taken forward.

<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

LGA Guidance is here:-

[https://30312f94-9adb-4918-80dd-708c590bada3.usrfiles.com/uqd/30312f\\_79b08331d11e44bc888e1ee08c05474e.pdf](https://30312f94-9adb-4918-80dd-708c590bada3.usrfiles.com/uqd/30312f_79b08331d11e44bc888e1ee08c05474e.pdf)





11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 Proposals that might arise following on from this report, if taken forward, could be Key Decisions depending on the cost to the authority and/or impacts on communities working or living in the borough.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 Health, Wellbeing and Scrutiny Committee 2 December 2019 minutes.

13. **List of Appendices**

13.1 None

14. **Background Papers**

14.1 Parks and Open Spaces Working Group 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 minutes.  
Parks and Open Spaces Working Group 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 minutes.  
Parks and Open Spaces Working Group 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 minutes

## MEETING BETWEEN SCRUTINY & THE CCG

FRIDAY 14 MAY, 2021 - 2.00pm to 2.40pm

Present: Andrew Bird, Cllr Julie Cooper, Geoff Durham, Denise French, Tracey Shewan CCG

Apologies Cllr Ian Wilkes

Councillor Cooper asked for an update on second vaccinations. Tracey Shewan advised that she did not have the actual data but this would be received later today by herself. A full briefing for Councillors was being prepared for 16 June, 2021. Today, the vaccine programme had hit the 1 million mark for first and second Vaccines with 93% of cohorts 1-9 having received at least one dose.

Focussing on the second vaccine, everyone who had received their first dose would 'have their name on' a second dose.

The next cohort (38 and 39 year olds) was now being moved to and they would be offered the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

Councillor Cooper asked whether the first and second doses could be different. Tracey advised that although there was no evidence of harm in doing this, they were sticking to the same brand for both doses.

Councillor Cooper stated that there were still people refusing to have the vaccine, fearing that it had been rushed. Tracey stated that all of the Covid vaccines had been through the same protocols as any other drug. They had not been rushed but they had been prioritised and fully concentrated upon.

Andrew Bird stated that the vaccination programme had been fantastic in Staffordshire and was advised that the vaccine newsletter came out today and would be sent across to the Council's Communications Team.

Tracey stated that they were still on course to offer everyone over the age of 18, a vaccine by 1 July.

Tracey advised that communities that they had not previously been in touch with, such as the Bangladeshi and Pakistani communities had received 70% vaccine uptake. Eighty six percent of people with learning difficulties had been vaccinated and mobile vaccination units had been out to fruit farms for immigrants, travelling communities and homeless people.

Councillor Cooper asked about the Indian strain of the virus. Tracey stated that 4 people, all within one household and living near to Tamworth had contracted it and there was no indication that it had spread. However, it did need to be monitored to see how it was spreading nationally and whether it was causing serious illness. There was no reason to think that the current vaccines would not work against it. A briefing was due to be held later today by the Prime Minister ahead of the further

lifting of restrictions next Monday (17<sup>th</sup> May). The hands, face, space, air message still needed to be adhered to as would social distancing and the wearing of facemasks.

Andrew asked about the current hospital situation. Tracey advised that there were currently 12 Covid patients in the Royal Stoke with only one person in ITU.

Councillor Cooper asked if a booster would be needed in the autumn.

Tracey advised that there were four phases:

Phase 1: to vaccinate the adult population

Phase 2: to vaccinate secondary school children

Phase 3: to determine if a booster would be required with the flu vaccine – either together or 7 days apart or whether it would be a full re-vaccination programme.

Phase 4: to determine whether there was an ongoing need for vaccinations.

Councillor Cooper asked whether there was an alternative to an injection for children, for example, on a sugar cube. Tracey advised that the flu vaccine was administered through a nasal spray so that could be worked on.

Tracy advised that there was a backlog of other appointments which were categorised as priorities 1 - 4 with priority 1 being life-saving treatments.

Regarding access to General Practice, these were open for face to face consultations with some being more 'open' than others. The public needed to be educated that their GP may not always be the person they needed to see, for example a physio for leg or back pain.

Denise French stated that the pandemic had presented opportunities for the greater use of technology and that there were things that could be retained post pandemic. Tracey agreed, stating that it would be good to have bases rather than office space.

Councillor Cooper referred to the bed shortage during the pandemic and asked what plans were in place for future situations such as this. Tracey advised that surge capacity was catered for. There had not been a need for a nightingale hospital locally. However, the future did need to be thought about with possible surges – modelled on the R number being at different levels.

Andrew Bird asked if, from the Council's point of view, was it to continue pushing the message across to be vaccinated. Tracey agreed, stating that if any anti-vaccine groups were known of, to educate them.

**Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – Monday 16 March 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 Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee held on Monday 16 March 2021 - link to Agenda and reports pack:-

<http://moderngov.staffordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=871&MId=11774&Ver=4>

Agenda Item	District(s)/Borough(s)
<p><b>Covid-19 Vaccination Programme – Update</b></p> <p>The Committee received an oral update on the implementation of the Covid-19 Vaccination Programme in the County. They were encouraged to learn that:- (i) according to data recently published by the Health Service Journal, Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups had the highest level of vaccination uptake in the over 65 year old age group in the Country; (ii) as of 16 March 2021 468,000 vaccine first doses and 38,000 second doses had been administered; (iii) all Care Homes residents in the County had been offered their first vaccine dose resulting in a 94% take-up rate; (iv) vaccinations were to be offered to homeless people in Staffordshire, as a priority, following recent initial roll-out in the Stoke-on-Trent City area; (v) Pop-up clinics aimed at maximising take-up in Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities were also being implemented.</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>
<p><b>The Journey Towards an Integrated Care System – Stakeholder Update</b></p> <p>The Committee received an update from Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) regarding proposals for the development of an Integrated Care System in the County which included merger of the six CCGs into one strategic commissioning body. They heard that following all 147 practices having voted in favour of the merger, NHS England and NHS Improvement had approved a request for the application for merger to proceed. As part of this process, the CCGs had recently launched a joint consultation entitled, “Our Journey to Become a Single Strategic Commissioning Organisation” to learn of the views of key stakeholders. The Committee emphasised the need for the above-mentioned changes to achieve real improvements in healthcare provision and undertook to engage further with the NHS to ensure transparency and accountability for performance, as necessary.</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>
<p><b>Care Homes for Older People: implications of COVID for Council Strategy</b></p> <p>The Committee considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing regarding the impact of Covid-19 on the County Council’s strategy for provision of care homes for the elderly in Staffordshire. They learned</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>

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that prior to the pandemic the Authority had implemented various measures in order to support the development of the care home market, increase supply and ensure that the needs of older people could continue to be met at a cost-effective price. However, whilst the immediate impact of Covid-19 was now abating, long-term issues such as:- (i) the continued need for enhanced infection and control measures; (ii) ongoing sporadic outbreaks of the virus; (iii) difficulties in recruitment and retention of care home staff and; (iv) lower bed occupancy rates, were expected to further increase costs and reduce the commercial viability of homes. Therefore, projections of future demand were to be remodelled during Spring 2021 with a view to publishing a revised approach to influence the market later in the year. In response, the Committee sought clarification of various aspects of the Authority's existing commissioning arrangements, noted their intentions regarding the forthcoming review and undertook to give further scrutiny to the revised approach, at the appropriate time, with a view to ensuring necessary improvements in service provision.

### **Together We're Better – Digital Programme Update and Key Learnings from Covid-19 Pandemic**

The Committee considered a report of the Director, Together We're Better (Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent's Sustainability and transformation Partnership) updating them on the roll-out of NHS's Digital Programme in Staffordshire which took account key learnings from the Covid-19 pandemic. They heard that the pace of change with regard to the use of digital technology by Health had been accelerated by the pandemic and that many valuable lessons had been learned. However, owing to the extensiveness of the NHS's Digital Work Programme envisaged for 2021/22, they decided that consideration of any further scrutiny required should be deferred until their Work Programme Planning Session for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

Their next meeting will be held on Monday 7 June 2021 at 10.00 am, venue to be confirmed.



**HEALTH, WELLBEING AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Work Programme 2021/22

Chair: Councillor Ian Wilkes

Vice-Chair: Councillor Julie Cooper

Members: Burgess, John Cooper, Gardner, Holland, Kearon, Moffat, Panter, Proctor, Wright

Portfolio Holders covering the Committee's remit:

Councillor Gill Heesom - Cabinet Member – Community Safety and Well Being

Councillor Jill Waring - Cabinet Member – Leisure, Culture and Heritage



The following services fall within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee:

Health and Wellbeing	Leisure Facilities (Leisure Centres etc.)
Anti-Social Behaviour	Museum and Art Gallery
CCTV	Community Recreation
Homelessness	Community Centres
Civil Contingencies / Emergency Planning	Parks and Gardens – Recreation and Leisure
Community Safety (Police and Crime Panel and Safer and Stronger Board (Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership)	Britain in Bloom
Domestic Violence Reduction	
Business Crime Reduction	

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The core Work Programme is determined at the beginning of the municipal year. Issues can be added throughout the year with the Chair's approval or where a new priority area comes to the Committee's attention.

For more information on the Committee or its work Programme please contact Denise French on 01782 742211 or at [denise.french@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk](mailto:denise.french@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk)

<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>BACKGROUND/OBJECTIVES</b>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Newcastle Town Centre	To consider the Councils responsibilities, strategies, initiatives and involvement with partner agencies and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Purple Flag Scheme</li> <li>• Update on the Review of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)</li> <li>• 'Make in Count' Scheme</li> <li>• Homelessness</li> </ul>
	Emergency Planning	Scrutiny of the Boroughs preparations for the impact of Winter on the Provision of, and demand for, services. NB The remit for this Committee includes Civil Contingencies/Emergency Planning.
	Britain in Bloom	Evaluation report on the Boroughs involvement and participation in the 2018 Scheme.
	Update on Mental Health Challenge	
	Work Programme	To discuss the work programme and progress of scrutiny activity and to consider any amendment/additions to the Programme.
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018	Leisure Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Recreation and Leisure Strategy</li> <li>• Evaluation of impact and effectiveness of Educational Programmes</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kidsgrove Sports Centre – Community Group Business Plan</li> </ul>
	SPACE Scheme	Evaluation report on effectiveness of 2018 Scheme.
	Parkinson’s Disease Feedback	Support and advice service for people with diabetes and Parkinson’s Disease. From Councillors Panter and Maxfield on their review.
	Work Programme	To discuss the work programme and progress of scrutiny activity and to consider any amendment/additions to the Programme.
	CCTV Report on options to enhance the current CCTV provision within the Borough	
	Britain in Bloom (from 10 <sup>th</sup> September meeting)	Evaluation report on the Borough’s involvement and participation in the 2018 scheme.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Consultation on the Future of Local Health Services in Northern Staffordshire	NSCCG invited to attend.
	Work being done to address the issue of monkey dust	
	Opportunities for adult learning at Brampton Museum	
	Feedback to officers on the Active Lives surveys	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Safeguarding	
	Work Programme	Review of the Impact of the Committee’s Work. To discuss the work programme and potential topics that Committee members would like to scrutinise over the forthcoming year.

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Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Dementia	Dementia friendly activities in Newcastle-under-Lyme.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2019	Leisure Provision	Consideration of the marketing of J2.
	SPACE Scheme Evaluation	
	Domestic Violence	An examination of the incidence of domestic violence and the impact of local initiatives. Representatives from the Commissioner's Officer and Staffordshire County Council/Stoke-on-Trent City Council invited to attend.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020		Investigation of ways to encourage greater use of the parks and green spaces to encourage physical and mental wellbeing.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	Emergency Planning	Specifically in relation to climate change and the impact of flooding.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Partnership working to support the town centre re-opening  Homelessness, vulnerable people and rough sleepers Domestic Violence Parks and Green Spaces Scrutiny Review	To consider the work of the Borough Council and partners in making residents and visitors feel secure in the town centre; social distancing measures etc.  Lessons learned in respect of changes made to the service during the pandemic Update on the service post lockdown Progress update
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Covid 19 Update including impact on mental health/Town centre opening/rough sleepers and domestic violence  Plans for a no-deal brexit	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	Domestic Abuse update report	Requested at previous meeting

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	Tackling Faith and Race Hate project Parks and Green Spaces Scrutiny Review update	Requested at previous meeting  Update on progress
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Anti-Social Behaviour update  Parks and Open Space Scrutiny – report  Meeting with CCG - notes	Requested at a previous meeting.  Final report following the conclusion of the Scrutiny Review  Regular update
13 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Newcastle Housing Advice Service	Review and update on how the service is performing now it is in-house
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2021		
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2022		
<p>Suggestions for potential future items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Feedback/Monitoring reports from bodies on which the Borough Council has member representation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee -District and Borough Digest – summary of work of Committee</li> <li>• Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel – summary of Panel discussions (ongoing)</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Review of SPACE provision (December 2019 Committee)</li> <li>3. NHS Provision in North Staffordshire ( consultation exercise anticipated in Autumn 2018)</li> <li>4. Mental Health Challenge (ongoing)</li> <li>5. Dementia (considered at September 2019 meetings, ongoing)</li> <li>6. Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) (report considered at 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 meeting)</li> <li>7. Safeguarding (report considered at 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 meeting)</li> <li>8. Domestic Violence (December 2019 committee)</li> <li>9. Counter Terrorism</li> <li>10. Purple Flag – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019</li> <li>11. An examination of the incidence of domestic violence and the impact of local initiatives – December 2019</li> </ol>		

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12. Emergency planning specifically in relation to climate change and the impact of flooding.
13. Examination of ways to encourage greater use of the parks and green spaces to encourage physical and mental wellbeing – March 2020
14. To receive a report of air quality (reported to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Economy, Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee)
15. Plans for the delivery of a no deal Brexit (County Council examining this)
16. Report to a future meeting on lessons learned in respect of changes made to the vulnerability and rough sleeping services during the Coronavirus pandemic (from meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020).

Task/Finish Groups:

1. Use of parks and green spaces to promote physical and mental health and wellbeing
2. Domestic Abuse services

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