

**ACTIVE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITIES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Monday, 9th October, 2017
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

Present:- Councillor Mrs Gillian Williams – in the Chair

Councillors Miss J Cooper, Frankish, J Tagg, Winfield and Woolley

Officers Jayne Briscoe - Scrutiny Officer and Rob Foster - Head of Leisure and Cultural Services

Apologies Councillor(s) Eagles and Heesom

1. **APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Councillor Eagles and from Councillor Heesom who was represented by Councillor Woolley.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

Matters arising

Quarterly meeting with the CCG

Notes of the meeting held on 4 October with Anna Collins, Head of Communications and Engagement and Lorna Clarson, Clinical Director Partnership and Engagement at the CCG together with the Chair of this Committee and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Councillor Wright were circulated.

The main themes being:

1. Pre-Consultation Events, based on the 5 community hospital areas would take place up to the end of December to look at what health services need to be provided and from where.
2. A Care Navigation programme was being developed to ensure that people who contacted their GP were sign posted to the right services.
3. Community Conversation aimed at giving people the opportunity to talk about how health services for older people are commissioned.

4. Medicines Matter campaign to reduce the amount of prescribed but unused medicines.
5. One Governance Structure (Board) is to be adopted for all six CCG's resulting in efficiency savings.
6. Social Prescribing - NHS Staff trained to undertake enhanced roles in active signposting and supporting community referrals to local non clinical services.
7. Research at Keele University to support decision making on the treatments and services commissioned for patients based on evidence about what works best. Non clinical services such as the programmes at Jubilee2 were identified for further discussions regarding the Borough Councils involvement in establishing a robust evidence base for both current and planned programmes.

Dementia Friendly Swimming

The Scrutiny Officer reported on the decision of Cabinet (26/11/17) to approve the development of an appropriate action plan to implement Dementia Friendly Swimming at Jubilee2, within existing resources and in partnership with appropriate local partners.

4. **CONSULTATION - LEISURE PROVISION IN KIDSGROVE**

The Head of Leisure and Cultural Services submitted a report which presented the outcomes of the consultation undertaken from 17 July to 14 August 2017 on interim sports activities provision in the Kidsgrove area. The results of which will inform future plans and activities of the Council and its sport and Active Lifestyles Service following the closure of Kidsgrove Sports Centre.

The role of this Committee was to consider the outcomes of the consultation exercise and to make recommendations to Cabinet on sports activities to be delivered to the local community.

A total of 238 responses were received with 97 per cent seeing the provision of swimming as important/very important, more than half said they would use a gym, family leisure events and group exercise/dance. Fewer than half said they would use street games, park games, beginners running or walking netball/football/cricket. 95 per cent would not be prepared to travel more than 20 minutes to access services. The full report was appended to the agenda.

A member asked whether adequate provision had been made for children to access swimming lessons at an alternative venue. It was difficult to fully answer, as although

other facilities had increased provision for children's swimming lessons Staffordshire County Council were responsible for the provision of school swimming lessons.

Members considered the distribution of the questionnaire and commented that the number of respondents was disappointingly low.

Mr Ray Williams from the Kidsgrove Leisure Centre Action Group was present at the meeting and he commented that the results were very similar to the information that the group had collected. This information would be shared with the Head of Leisure and Cultural Services.

Agreed That, to maintain an affordable local fitness offer, the Active and Cohesive Scrutiny Committee recommends to Cabinet the establishment of an interim dual use gym and fitness studio in partnership with a suitable education provider. This venue should be suitable for and capable of accommodating family leisure events.

5. **SUPPORT FOR STOKE ON TRENT CITY COUNCIL BID FOR UK CITY OF CULTURE 2021**

In response to a request from a member the Regeneration and Economic Development Manager and Head of Leisure and Cultural Services submitted a briefing report on the actions the Borough Council is taking to support the Stoke on Trent City Council bid to be nominated as the UK City of Culture 2021.

Events outlined included The Philip Astley programme for 2018 which will be enhanced by working with Appetite to create more large scale artworks and in particular improvements to the appearance to the town centre subways.

Members made a plea for the Borough to remain active in supporting the bid, reinforcing the strong inter-relationships between the Borough and the City from an economic, social and environmental perspective.

6. **WORK PLAN**

Members considered the work programme and it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 12 December when the Cabinet decision in respect of Kidsgrove Leisure Centre would be known.

7. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

With the exception of Mr R Williams there were no members of the public present at the meeting

8. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 12 December.

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COUNCILLOR MRS GILLIAN WILLIAMS
Chair

Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm

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