

Report of the Health, Wellbeing & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met on 7<sup>th</sup> December and the following matters were considered:

- The Committee considered a report from Cabinet that updated on specific services within its remit that were particularly impacted by Covid-19. The report included
  - Homelessness, rough sleeping and temporary accommodation services - Members were updated on various matters including the work of the Newcastle Housing Advice Service (NHAS) which was due to be brought in-house in April 2021 and the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol.
  - Domestic Abuse services – the weekly Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference had seen fairly consistent numbers of cases but services had seen a rise in more complex cases with greater risk and an increase of abuse from adult children to parent.
  - Work undertaken to ensure visitors feel safe with the reopening of the Town Centres post the first lockdown - Members received information on the provision of Marshals and how the service was resourced.
- The Committee considered the Temporary Accommodation Policy and discussed provision both within and outside the Borough; the role of the NHAS and opportunities for funding.
- The latest digest from Staffordshire County Council's Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee was received and a report on a meeting with the CCG was presented.
- The Work Programme was discussed and the Committee agreed that the agenda for the next meeting would include items on Domestic Abuse; Anti-Social Behaviour, to include the impact of Covid-19 on services for young people and ASB by adults; and a presentation on a project by the New Vic theatre about how faith and race hate can be tackled

Cllr Ian Wilkes, Chair