

HEALTH, WELLBEING & PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 29th November, 2021
Time of Commencement: 6.30 pm

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Present:	Councillor Ian Wilkes (Chair)		
Councillors:	John Cooper Barry Panter	Mark Holland Tony Kearon	Ruth Wright
Apologies:	Councillor(s) Julie Cooper, Silvia Burgess and Bert Proctor		
Substitutes:	Mayor - Councillor Kenneth Owen (In place of Councillor Bert Proctor) Councillor Andrew Fear (In place of Councillor Julie Cooper) Councillor Sarah Pickup (In place of Councillor Silvia Burgess)		
Officers:	Andrew Bird Denise French	Head of Recycling, Waste and Fleet Services Democratic Services Team Leader	
Also in attendance:	Councillor Jill Waring Councillor Gill Heesom	Portfolio Holder -Leisure, Culture and Heritage Portfolio Holder - Community Safety and Wellbeing	

60. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

61. **MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2021 be approved as a correct record.

62. **UPDATE FROM CABINET**

There was nothing to update from Cabinet.

63. **STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE FIRE AND CRIME PANEL**

The Committee considered the reports from meetings of the Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel.

Resolved: that the reports be received.

64. POLICE FIRE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR STAFFORDSHIRE - BEN ADAMS

Ben Adams, Police, Crime and Fire Commissioner for Staffordshire was welcomed to the meeting. He had now been in post for 6 months.

During recent months a new Chief Constable had been appointed and a new Chief Fire Officer.

He had recently undertaken a public consultation on his Police and Crime Plan, and Fire & Rescue Plan 2021 – 24; and outlined the four key elements of the Plan:

- Improved contact - 999 and 111 calls answered more quickly
- Response times – improvements to the time taken to get to emergencies
- Anti-Social behaviour – addressing persistent issues; responding early and working in partnership
- Road safety – focusing on improving road safety, addressing issues such as speeding and dangerous driving; developing Speedwatch schemes.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues as follows:

- Police recruitment – the Commissioner outlined plans which included over 300 additional officers
- Fire checks – there had been many ‘Safe and Well’ visits aimed at giving advice to vulnerable people
- Precept increases – a budget meeting was to take place and consultation would be carried out; any increase would be kept as low as possible
- Public image and visibility of police officers especially in rural areas – the Commissioner understood the reassurance of police officers being visible and was aiming for there to be an increased visible presence
- Road safety and Speedwatch schemes and how could they be progressed with sufficient volunteers and support? The Commissioner referred to the Safer Roads Partnership and ideas around volunteer groups working together across communities.
- Anti-social parking and whether PCSOs could have powers to deal with this. The Commissioner felt this was often dangerous and a solution was needed; it may not be a role for PCSOs who liked to have a neighbourhood focus
- Support and diversionary activities for young people – the SPACE programme was funded by the PCSO using some proceeds from criminal activity; the report could be shared with the Committee. The Commissioner was keen to engage with young people and hear their views.
- Safety on public transport – the Commissioner requested further details be sent to him on this issue outside the meeting
- Alternate ways to report crime – there was an option to use digital 101 if not an emergency; it was important to have all crimes recorded.
- Court backlogs – the Commissioner had less influence here but felt there were opportunities for improving data sharing and partnership working.

Resolved: that the Commissioner be thanked for attending and the information be received.

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65. MINUTES OF THE STAFFORDSHIRE HEALTH AND CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Committee considered the regular digest from Staffordshire County Council outlining the work of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 25 October.

Resolved: that the update be received

66. UPDATE ON HEALTH IMPACTS FROM WALLEY'S QUARRY

The Committee considered at update on the County Council's Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work looking at the health impacts of Walley's Quarry. There were fortnightly updates from the County Council which were shared with the Committee. There was a Member Engagement event taking place the next day, 30 November 2021.

Resolved: that the update be noted.

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67. MEETING WITH THE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP - 8 NOVEMBER 2021

The Committee considered the notes of the regular meeting with Tracey Shewan of the Clinical Commissioning Group held on 8 November 2021. The meeting had been updated on the current situation with Covid including hospital numbers and vaccine uptake.

Resolved: that the report be received.

68. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Work Programme. Following the presentation by Ben Adams, the Committee agreed to consider a report on the SPACE programme at the next meeting.

Resolved: that the Work Programme be approved subject to the addition of an item on the SPACE programme for the meeting on 7 March 2022.

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69. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

70. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

71. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 7 MARCH 2022

**Councillor Ian Wilkes
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 7.51 pm