

# Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Monday 23 March 2026

## District and Borough Health Scrutiny Activity

### Recommendation

I recommend that:

- a. The report be received, and consideration be given to any matters arising from the Health Scrutiny activity being undertaken by the Staffordshire District and Borough Councils, as necessary.

### Summary

1. The Committee receives updates at each meeting to consider any matters arising from the Health Scrutiny activity being undertaken by the Staffordshire District and Borough Councils.

### Background

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2001 confers on local authorities with social services functions powers to undertake scrutiny of health matters. The County Council currently have responsibility for social services functions but, to manage health scrutiny more effectively, they have agreed with the eight District/Borough Councils in the County to operate joint working arrangements.
3. Each District/Borough Council has a committee in which holds the remit for health and wellbeing scrutiny matters and matters that have a specifically local theme. The Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee will continue to deal with matters that impact on the whole or large parts of the County and that require wider debate across Staffordshire.
4. District and Borough Councils each have a representative from the County Council Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a member of the relevant committee with remit for health scrutiny matters. The County Councillors will update the District and Borough Councils on matters considered by the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A summary of matters considered by this committee is circulated to District and Borough Councils for information.

5. It is anticipated that the District and Borough Councillors who are members of this committee will present the update of matters considered at the District and Borough committees to the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
6. The following is a summary of the health scrutiny activity which has been undertaken at the District/Borough Council level since the last meeting of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **Cannock Chase District Council**

Cannock Chase Council's Health, Wellbeing and The Community Scrutiny Committee met on 15 December 2025.

The Committee received a presentation/update from Biffa on the contract/delivery performance and the food waste collection rollout. They also received a presentation/update from the Waste and Commercial Services Manager on Simpler Recycling.

The Quarter 2 2025/26 Performance Update report was received, and Members had the opportunity to ask questions.

The Committee were then updated with the work being undertaken by the Working Group established to consider the Council's current housing fencing policy.

Date of next meeting: 17 March 2026

## **East Staffordshire Borough Council**

East Staffordshire Borough Council's Scrutiny (Health and Well Being) Committee met on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

The Committee considered the Q2 Performance Report and discussed future scrutiny review topics including:

- Disabled Facilities Grants
- Violence Against Women

The current review on Knife Crime is due to be completed and heard at the next Committee meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

## **Lichfield District Council**

Lichfield District Council's (LDC) Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 27 January 2026 to examine the lack of progress on the planned Burntwood Health & Wellbeing Centre. Representatives of the Integrated

Care Board (ICB) attended and stated that they are working with Staffordshire County Council (SCC) to resolve issues with the planning pre-application.

LDC members expressed extreme disappointment with the slow pace of the project, noting that 18 years had passed since this was first discussed in 2008. Concern was raised that Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds offered by Lichfield District Council towards the project would no longer be available if the centre is not built by September 2028.

Representatives of SCC were invited to this meeting but declined to attend.

The next scheduled committee meeting is on 24 March 2026.

## **Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council**

The Borough Council's Health Well-being and Environment Scrutiny Committee met on 15th September when it considered the following:

- Walleys Quarry Update report
- Sustainable Environment Strategy Update
- Civic Pride: Evaluation of 2025 activities.

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

## **South Staffordshire District Council**

The Committee will next meet in June 2026.

## **Stafford Borough Council**

Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 4 December 2025 and received a presentation from Veolia who delivered their annual report, touching on the forthcoming rollout of the Food Waste Collections.

The Task and Finish Group have met several times regarding Food Waste Collections and will be presenting to the next Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 18 March.

Freedom Leisure also attended the meeting and presented its Annual Report.

The Q2 Performance Report was scrutinised.

The next meeting will have presentations reviewing the previous year from the Community Wellbeing Partnership, and a further presentation from Turning Point. There will be an update from Streetscene.

## **Staffordshire Moorlands District Council**

The Council's Health and Wellbeing Committee met on 19 November 2025.

Members expressed concerns regarding the lack of clarity surrounding the timetable for the implementation of Urgent Treatment Centres, the future provision of services at Leek Minor Injuries Unit and the approach the Integrated Care Board intends to take in engaging with district councillors on these matters. The Chair agreed to raise these concerns with the Chair of the Staffordshire County Council Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Healthwatch Manager for Staffordshire presented an overview of Healthwatch Staffordshire's Annual Report for 2024–2025. Members welcomed the report and reiterated their support for the continued operation of Healthwatch.

A Dementia Adviser provided an update on dementia support services delivered by the Alzheimer's Society across North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. The Council is currently arranging Dementia Friends sessions for district and parish councillors.

At each meeting, the Chair provides an update on the work undertaken by the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Committee is scheduled for 4 March 2026.

## **Tamworth Borough Council**

Tamworth Borough Councils Community Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on the 25th November 2025 where they considered the following matters –

- Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan Update
- Additional Licensing – Houses in Multiple Occupancy
- Corporate ASB and Environmental Crime Policy
- Corporate Domestic Abuse Policy
- Corporate Hate Crime Policy

The next meeting is scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026.



## Link to Strategic Plan

7. Scrutiny work programmes are aligned to the ambitions and delivery of the principles, priorities, and outcomes of the Staffordshire Corporate Plan.

## Link to Other Overview and Scrutiny Activity

8. The update reports provide overview of scrutiny activity across Borough and Districts, shares good practice, and highlights emerging concerns which inform work programmes for Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committees across Staffordshire.

## List of Background Documents/Appendices:

Council	District/ Borough Representative on CC	County Council Representative on DC/BC
<b>Cannock Chase</b>	Tony Johnson	Neil Parton
<b>East Staffordshire</b>	Aaron Mansfield	Michael Carver
<b>Lichfield</b>	Steve Norman	Tracey Dougherty
<b>Newcastle</b>	Rupert Adcock	Adam Griffiths
<b>South Staffordshire</b>	Helen Adams	James Hodges
<b>Stafford BC</b>	Ann Edgeller	Antonia Orlandi-Fantini
<b>Staffordshire Moorlands</b>	John Jones	Charlotte Kelly
<b>Tamworth</b>	Natalie Statham	Wayne Luca

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