

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Monday 20 July 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

East Staffordshire Borough Council

East Staffordshire Borough Council's Scrutiny (Health and Well Being) Committee met on

Lichfield District Council

Lichfield District Council's (LDC) Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

The Borough Council's Health, Well-being and Environment Scrutiny Committee met on 11th June 2026.

Members received an update from the County Council Representative and discussed the work programme for the 4 year-cycle ahead.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled on 17th September 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

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council



The Council's Health and Wellbeing Committee met on

Tamworth Borough Council

Tamworth Borough Councils Community Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on

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
Cannock Chase	Carl Boulton	Rhys Mandry
East Staffordshire	Aaron Mansfield	Catherine Brown
Lichfield	Steve Norman	Tracey Dougherty
Newcastle	Scott Stevenson	Adam Griffiths
South Staffordshire	Helen Adams	Michelle Woods
Stafford BC	Ann Edgeller	Antonia Orlandi-Fantini
Staffordshire Moorlands	Lyn Swindlehurst	Mike Broom
Tamworth	Natalie Statham	Wayne Luca

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