

Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 November 2014 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 4.00 pm.

Present: Councillor Wreford-Bush (Chairman); Councillors Mrs Falp, Gill, and Illingworth.

Also Present: Councillor MacKay.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Copping and Mrs Knight. The Chairman gave his consent that Councillor MacKay be allowed to participate in all discussions at the meeting, but had no voting rights.

18. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

19. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to correcting the spelling of Professor Bryan Stoten's name in minute number 17.

At the meeting on 7 October 2014, the Committee Services Officer had been asked to find out which Scrutiny Committee would be responsible to review the taxi token scheme to see if some of the money raised through this could be diverted to the Warwickshire Voluntary Transport Service. She reported that the review would need to be done by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, but it had been reported to her that the Leader of the Council had previously requested that such a review be conducted by the new Council after the elections in May 2015. The Sub-Committee requested that this be put on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme.

20. **Work Programme**

The Committee considered a report from Democratic Services on the Sub-Committee's work programme.

Future of Health Scrutiny at Warwick District Council

The Head of Health & Community Protection reminded Members that when the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee had been set up, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had done so on the basis that the future of health scrutiny would be reviewed before the new Council was formed. The Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee had been requested to submit a report to the March 2015 meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommending the way forward for health scrutiny at the District Council.

Members were asked to consider whether health scrutiny should be dealt with by a full health scrutiny committee or to continue as a sub-committee or some other system.

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Following debate, the Sub-Committee felt that health issues requiring scrutiny needed to be flagged up to it from more sources and that it would be too soon to make any decision on the future of health scrutiny before the new council was formed. It was agreed that the decision should be postponed until five months into the new Council to let new Councillors achieve a better understanding of scrutiny in general and to ensure any recommendations were done in a timely manner to coincide with the budget process for 2015/2016. It was therefore

Resolved that

- (1) Group leaders be approached by the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee to have health scrutiny set as an item on the Group Meetings' agendas;
- (2) the Health & Wellbeing Lead ensures more health issues be brought before the Sub-Committee, especially those where grants are involved; and
- (3) the Sub-Committee recommend to Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the report of the future of health scrutiny at the Council be delayed until October 2015.

Warwick District Council Health Strategy Update

The Health and Wellbeing Lead informed the Members that since the last meeting, he had:

- arranged for 48 influenza vaccinations to be provided to staff;
- provided a presentation to the South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group to advise on Warwick District Council's public health work and to propose partnership working;
- provided a refresher for Health Champions on Making Every Contact Count (MECC);
- in partnership with Warwick Hospital, secured Public Health "Green Space" funding for a "measured mile" around Warwick Hospital;
- attended the first meeting of the Public Health "Warm and Well" Steering Group;
- given a "Guru Tutor" session at Warwickshire College;
- received Public Health England training on the evidence required for auditing submissions for the Work Place Charter;
- re-drafted the Warwick District Council Smoking Policy; and
- in co-operation with Human Resources, started planning a two-day health drop-in session for Council staff.

Following consideration of the Work Programme, it was

Resolved that:

- (1) the report be noted;

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- (2) the Planning Policy and Conservation Manager be invited to the next meeting to discuss health issues in respect of the Local Plan; and
- (3) monthly meetings be arranged where possible for the Sub-Committee, up to the election.

(The meeting finished at 4.53 pm)