

Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 March 2018 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

Present: Councillor Parkins (Chairman); Councillors Mrs Cain, Mrs Falp, Naimo and Mrs Redford.

Co-opted Member Present: Councillor Quinney.

Also Present: Councillor Thompson.

21. Apologies and Substitutes

- (a) There were no apologies made.
- (b) Councillor Naimo substituted for Councillor Mrs Knight.

22. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

23. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2018 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

24. Health and Wellbeing Update (Objective 3)

The Sub-Committee considered a report from Human Resources which provided an update on the Council's coordinated approach to Health and Wellbeing for its staff members.

The Health and Wellbeing Approach detailed the Council's three priorities:

- (1) To embed Health and Wellbeing (HWB) at a strategic level.
- (2) To promote HWB to the wider community (Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities as sub-headings to this priority).
- (3) To address the HWB of the Council's staff.

This report focussed upon the delivery of priority 3.

The report gave detail of the four main actions which had been identified as being important to ensure that priority 3 could be delivered:

- (1) Ensure our policies, strategies, plans, projects and key decisions addressed HWB.
- (2) Engage and enable staff / elected Members to incorporate HWB into their roles.
- (3) Ensure that we are working in partnership to deliver HWB objectives.
- (4) Ensure that the HWB arrangements between stakeholders were working correctly and that feedback loops were established.

The report then listed the actions that had been identified to address these objectives in paragraphs 8.3 to 8.12 of the report.

HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES (Continued)

In response to questions from Members, the Head of Human Resources and the Learning & Development Officer stated that:

- They would speak to the Media Team to provide detail of HWB initiatives for staff members on Councillors' regular updates until Members were provided access to the staff intranet.
- Mental Health First Aid Lite – work was ongoing to ensure that both staff and Members were aware that training was available. More funding would be released to roll out the training programme to all staff that required it. The first tranche of training had been given to staff in Housing.
- To-date, 81 members of staff had attended the mental health awareness training.

Resolved that the report be noted.

25. Update on the South Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Partnership

The Sub-Committee considered a report from Health & Community Protection which provided an update on the work of the South Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

This report provided an update on the work being undertaken to achieve objectives 1 and 2 of the Council's Health and Wellbeing approach:

- (1) To embed HWB at a strategic level.
- (2) To promote HWB to the wider community.

Appendix 1 to the report detailed the Partnership's Strategy and Implementation Plan 2017-2019; the terms of reference for the South Warwickshire HWB Partnership were detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

The terms of reference stipulated that the purpose of the Partnership was to:

- align the strategic direction of the various partners;
- agree and prioritise shared actions to address local needs across Warwick and Stratford District; and
- improve health and reduce health inequalities.

The establishment of the Partnership had been a slow process but it was finally gaining momentum. The report detailed key areas of discussion from the last meeting of the Partnership in February 2018.

The Head of Health & Community Protection informed Members that whilst the hope had been that this Partnership would undertake work that could replace the work being done by the Health Scrutiny Sub Committee at the Council, this had proved impossible and Members now should consider what they felt was the best approach to handle health scrutiny at the Council. After some discussion, Members felt that expecting Overview & Scrutiny Committee to do health scrutiny work would not be practical and meetings would become overly long. They then discussed ways forward to improve the operation of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES (Continued)

In response to questions and suggestions from Members, the Head of Health & Community Protection responded that:

- Both she and the Committee Services Officer would discuss with the Democratic Services Manager whether the Council's Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee meetings could be aligned with meetings of appropriate outside bodies; namely Warwickshire County Council's Health and Wellbeing Board and the Adult Social Care & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- She would circulate an overview of all outside bodies and the "map" she had initially circulated in the early days of the sub-committee, giving both the complicated and simplified view of how all agencies inter-related. These would be updated versions. She would also circulate terms of reference for these groups.
- She would ensure that Members received links to meetings of outside bodies so that they could feed in to the appropriate Council representative.

Resolved that the report be noted.

26. Review of the Work Programme & Forward plan

The Sub-Committee considered a report from Democratic Services which informed it of its work programme for 2018 and the current Forward Plan for March to June 2018.

Members would consider whether the August meeting was necessary at the meeting in July.

Resolved that the report be noted with no amendments required to the Work Programme.

27. Warwickshire County Council's Adult Social Care & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Mrs Redford represented the Council on this Outside Body. The Chairman asked her to give consideration to what help she may like from the Sub-Committee.

Councillor Mrs Redford explained that the work of the Task and Finish Group looking at provision of GP services would reach its conclusion in May and she would give a report to the Sub-Committee after the report had been produced. The Head of Health & Community Protection would circulate the report to Members when it became available.

Councillor Mrs Redford informed Members that Care Home Care Market and domiciliary care would be tackled by the Scrutiny Committee in May.

(The meeting finished at 7.14 pm)

CHAIR
3 July 2018