

# Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 July 2017 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors Mrs Cain, Mrs Falp, Mrs Knight, Parkins and Mrs Redford.

**Also Present:** Councillor Quinney.

## 1. **Apologies and Substitutes**

There were no apologies or substitutions.

## 2. **Appointment of Chair**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Knight, and duly seconded that Councillor Parkins be appointed Chair of Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

**Resolved** that Councillor Parkins be elected Chair of Warwick District Council's Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2017/18.

## 3. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4. **Co-option of councillors onto the Sub-Committee**

It was moved by Councillor Parkins, and duly seconded that Councillor Quinney be co-opted onto the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

**Resolved** that Councillor Quinney be co-opted onto Warwick District Council's Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2017/18.

## 5. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2017 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

## 6. **Health and Wellbeing Update**

The Sub-Committee received a report from Health & Community Protection which outlined the work being undertaken across the Council to improve the health and wellbeing of the communities within Warwick District and to address the health and wellbeing needs of the Council's own staff.

The report gave details of the Council's three priorities in its Health and Wellbeing approach, namely:

- To embed health and wellbeing at a strategic level.
- To promote health and wellbeing to the wider community.
- To address the health and wellbeing of the Council's own staff.

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The report set out how each of these three priorities was being accomplished.

Both the Head of Health & Community Protection and the Community Partnership Team Manager were able to report that progress had been made establishing the South Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Partnership after some initial reluctance from one of the participants. The partnership was in its formative stages, but terms of reference had been agreed. The Partnership had also drawn up a list of priorities that would be tackled, and these were listed in paragraphs 8.10 and 8.11 in the report. The Partnership would be reporting back into the Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Health and Wellbeing Board. The Head of Health & Community Protection felt it was too early to tell what results would emerge from the work of the Partnership.

Within the District Council, a Health and Wellbeing Officer Group had been established which had representatives from all service areas (10 to 12 officers spread over various departments), in order to reinforce the corporate nature of the Council's approach and ensure that the message of health and wellbeing was delivered. The report detailed the work that would be undertaken by this Group.

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

- The work detailed in the Action Plan at Appendix 3 in the report related to Council housing, not privately owned housing. Voluntary and Community Services were available for the same sort of help in private sector housing. Residents in private housing did benefit from work being done under the Crime and Disorder Plan, and the example of work being done to reduce abuse was mentioned.
- The Head of Health and Community Protection was unsure if the work being undertaken in respect of the Credit Union would be available to people living in private housing; she would need to ask the Income Recovery and Financial Inclusion Manager. She suggested that the Sub-Committee might consider examining night shelters for the homeless in more detail.
- It was unclear what would happen in respect of night shelters past winter 2017.
- People wishing to use food banks were expected to phone to join the waiting list for assessment. For people who could not access a phone, Citizens' Advice staff were present at food banks and people could go to speak to them. More work was required by officers to look at the mechanisms available to access food banks and what the Council could do.
- The Council worked closely with WCC on rural isolation. WCC had a Rural Community Development Officer, which the District Council would work with to develop a work programme. The Head of Health & Community Protection would ask officers to examine if notices about services for rural areas could be put up on parish noticeboards.
- The Dementia Friends initiative had successfully been delivered out to taxi drivers and front-line District Council staff and Councillors. The initiative would now concentrate on providing training to

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community groups. In respect of businesses, the Council would work with BID Leamington to deliver the message.

### **7. Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee Work Programme**

The Sub-Committee considered a report from Democratic Services which informed it of its work programme for 2017 and the current Forward Plan for July to October 2017.

**Resolved** that the following amendments be made to the Work Programme:

- (1) a report on child mortality be given to the November meeting, including if services are failing residents and if so, where, how and why. An invitation will be extended to Dr Linnane to attend the meeting;
- (2) the Sub-Committee meeting in August is to be cancelled;
- (3) a report on what Health and Wellbeing Strategy objectives have been met to be given at the November meeting;
- (4) feedback at each meeting from the Portfolio Holder from the WCC Health & Wellbeing Board; and
- (5) feedback from other Sub-Committee Councillors who sit on outside bodies for Health & Wellbeing at each meeting.

The Head of Health & Community Protection was asked to inform the Committee Services Officer when a report could be presented on the revised strategy from the Health & Wellbeing Board in respect of housing, and the joint strategic needs assessment.

(The meeting finished at 7.16 pm)