

Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 July 2014 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 5.00 pm.

Present: Councillors Copping, Mrs Falp, Gill, Illingworth, Kinson and Wreford-Bush.

1. **Appointment of Chairman**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Falp, and duly seconded that Councillor Wreford-Bush be appointed Chairman of Warwick District Council's Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2014/15.

Resolved that Councillor Wreford-Bush be elected Chairman of Warwick District Council's Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2014/15.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Declaration of Interest covering the whole agenda

Councillor Kinson declared an interest because he was the District Council's representative on the County Council's Adult Social Care & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

3. **Work Programme**

The Committee considered a report from Civic and Committee Services on the Committee's Work Programme. As this was the first meeting of the Sub-Committee, it was necessary to set the Work Programme up to the end of the municipal year from scratch.

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An invitation to the Senior Democratic Services Officer at the County Council, Ann Mawdsley would be extended in order to brief Members who were new to Health Scrutiny. Members asked for a copy of the County Council's Work Programme.

The Senior Democratic Services Officer would also be asked to brief Members on the recent publication "Local Authority Health Scrutiny – Guidance to support Local Authorities and their partners to deliver effective health scrutiny".

Councillor Mrs Falp and the Head of Health & Community Protection were asked to give Members a briefing of the meeting they would be attending in July on Planning and Health.

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Other items for the Work Programme

Air Quality:

The sub-Committee had received a request from Councillor Mrs Higgins to look at Health Impact Assessments, which she wrote had been requested by the Conservative Group. The Head of Health & Community Protection informed Members that the draft Health Impact Assessment had already been exchanged with planners for the Local Plan, but he did not yet know when it would be released. Members requested that air quality be scrutinised and also that Dr Linnane, the Director of Public Health, should speak about this when he gave his talk to all Councillors at Council on 13 August.

Child Health Profiles by Public Health England:

The Health & Wellbeing Lead would check if a response was required to a letter received from the Director of Public Health, dated 21 March.

Member to champion mental health:

Councillor Mrs Sawdon had requested the name of the Council's mental health champion, but no such appointment had been made. The matter had been referred to the Sub-Committee for discussion. As all outside appointments went through Group, the Sub-Committee decided that the matter on whether to make such an appointment should be referred to Group.

Warwickshire Community Transport Options Appraisal:

Councillor Copping explained the changes to the funding and the Sub-Committee decided to invite a representative from Healthwatch and a representative from Warwickshire Rural Community Council to the meeting in October so that, if there was a need to lobby the District Council for money, it would fall within the next budget cycle. Members requested whether the County Council had discussed any action and asked that the Senior Democratic Services Officer at the County Council should respond.

The Sub-Committee decided that the newly appointed Head of Housing & Property Services should give a report on the Housing Assessment Team, including Disabled Facilities Grants, in the New Year. Additionally, a guest speaker should be invited to speak about the Care Quality Commission in the New Year.

Councillor Kinson was asked to give updates at each meeting on the activity of the Warwickshire County Council Adult Social Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

The Health & Wellbeing Lead was asked to give updates at each meeting on the Council's Health Strategy.

The Head of Health and Community Protection and the Committee Services Officer were asked to look through the items that the Sub-Committee had decided should be on the Work Programme and agree dates for these; to check if any additional topics should be added and to send out a list of suitable dates for future meetings. The Members wanted to meet each month from September to start with, preferably at 4pm.

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The Sub-Committee decided that a request would be made to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to amend the delegated powers agreed for the Sub-Committee to allow the Sub-Committee to agree items for its Work Programme, without the need to agree these first with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Resolved that:

- (1) the report be noted and presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its next meeting for approval; and
- (2) an amendment to the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee Procedure Rules (agreed by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 10 June 2014) be sought to give delegated authority to the Sub-Committee to set its own Work Programme without the need to seek approval first from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee before work can commence.

4. **Health Strategy and Action Plan**

The Health & Wellbeing Lead gave a presentation to Members on Warwick District Council's role in health and issues that the Council would be tackling, such as encouraging healthy lifestyle choices. This would require shaping the Council's services so that these supported the local strategy and engaging with other organisations active in the locality. An example cited was Ryton Organic Gardens which was giving people guidance on cooking healthily. Warwick District Council would be allocating money towards the costs of starter projects and Members would be kept informed. The Health and Wellbeing Lead presented an Action Plan to Members listing aims and then the Service Area or officer responsible for implementation.

The Council's Health Strategy was currently being reviewed by the Senior Management Team at the Council, and once this process was complete, the Strategy would be presented to the Sub-Committee.

5. **National Workplace Wellbeing Charter "Making Every Contact Count", the Workplace Challenge**

As part of the Health & Wellbeing Lead's presentation, he informed Members that the Council was applying for the "Workplace Wellbeing Charter" award. One of the initiatives for the Workplace Challenge would be to get staff involved with lawn bowls.

The Health & Wellbeing Lead was asked to keep Members updated with initiatives.

6. **Warwick District Health Improvement and Wellbeing Partnership Group (HiWeb) – Consultation on its future**

The Health & Wellbeing Lead informed Members that HiWeb was being reviewed and it was hoped that this review would take place in the afternoon of 20th August.

(The meeting finished at 6.20 pm)

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