

Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 September 2019 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

Present: Councillors Cullinan, A Dearing and Redford

Also Present: Councillor Falp, Portfolio Holder – Health & Community Protection

1. **Apologies and Substitutes**

There were no apologies received.

2. **Appointment of Chair**

It was proposed by Councillor Cullinan, duly seconded by Councillor A Dearing and

Resolved that Councillor Redford be appointed as Chair of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

4. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

5. **Refreshed Health and Wellbeing Action Plan 2019-20**

The Sub-Committee considered a report from Health and Community Protection which outlined the refreshed Warwick District Council Health and Wellbeing Action Plan for 2019-20.

Members were informed that the Health and Wellbeing Officer Group (HOG) developed the action plan which was circulated to Members online. The internal audit was extremely helpful and all of the recommendations that came out as a result of the audit were added to the refreshed action plan. The main changes were in relation to Falls Prevention, where the hope was to identify the age ranges of children who had received hospital treatment for falls. The intention was to work in partnership with children's centres in the District in order to develop a publicity campaign to build awareness of falls prevention in the home.

In response to questions from Members, the Portfolio Holder for Health and Community Protection, the Localities & Partnerships Officer and the Head of Health & Community Protection explained that:

- Each of the action points were assessed and linked with the Year of Wellbeing as requested by Members.

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- It was important to be pragmatic about what Warwick District Council could do, as well as what projects its partners were initiating.
- The Lifeline staff members were not medically trained, and they were employed by Warwick District Council.
- If Councillors wanted to know more about the Lifeline services, there were opportunities to meet with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, as well as the Head of Housing, and discuss this in more detail.
- One of the action points was purchasing a number of Raiser Chairs in order to support the new Falls Response Service.
- The Portfolio Holder for Health and Community Protection would continue to circulate agendas and minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board meetings to Members.
- The Head of Health and Community Protection's role was to support the Sub-Committee in terms of reports coming forward etc.
- There was a huge crossover between sustainability and health.
- The figures to do with air quality were produced in an annual report and a draft report would be presented to Members at the Sub-Committee's November meeting. Preparations for producing the draft report had started in May and unfortunately, it took a long period of time to actually produce the report. In the meantime, the unverified data was available on the website.

6. Review of the Work Programme and Forward Plan

The Sub-Committee considered a report from Democratic Services which informed it of its work programme for 2019/20 and the current Forward Plan for October 2019 to January 2020.

Members agreed that the work of the Sub-Committee was valuable. The agendas for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee were already extremely busy and Members felt a matter such as Health Scrutiny deserved more attention and time. Following the local elections in May 2019, this was the first meeting of the Sub-Committee and Members felt it was premature to make a decision about the future of the Sub-Committee in November.

The Head of Health and Community Protection would write a report regarding the future of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee, and present it to the Sub-Committee ahead of its November meeting.

Resolved that

- (1) a Falls Prevention report be added to the Work Programme for November 2019;
- (2) a Policy on Regulating the Private Rent Sector – Wellbeing Aspects report be added to the Work Programme for January 2020; and
- (3) a Physical Activity Promotion report be added to the Work Programme for January 2020.

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7. Health & Wellbeing Outside Bodies Updates (Standing Agenda Item)

Councillor Redford and Councillor Falp informed the Sub-Committee that notes were circulated to Members via email prior to the meeting, and any updates would be emailed to Members as they were received.

(The meeting finished at 6.52 pm)

CHAIRMAN
19 November 2019