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Dear Councillor,

**Health, Wellbeing, & The Community Scrutiny Committee**

**6:00pm, Tuesday 15 October 2024**

**Esperance Room, Civic Centre, Cannock**

You are invited to attend this meeting for consideration of the matters itemised in the following Agenda.

Yours sincerely,



**T. Clegg**  
**Chief Executive**

To: Councillors:

Prestwood, F. (Chair)  
Dunnett, M. (Vice-Chair)

Bancroft, J.	Fisher, P.
Boulton, C.	Jones, V.
Cartwright, S.	Page, H.
Craddock, R.	Samuels, G.
Elson, J.	

Staffordshire County Council Appointee for the purposes of the Committee's Statutory Functions under the National Health Service Act 2006:

- County Councillor P. Hewitt

Independent Co-opted Representative:

- Healthwatch Staffordshire

# Agenda

## Part 1

### 1. Apologies

### 2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

- (i) To declare any interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct and any possible contraventions under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- (ii) To receive any Party Whip declarations.

### 3. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2024 (enclosed).

### 4. Statutory Health Scrutiny Items

#### (i) Staffordshire County Council's Health and Care and Overview Scrutiny Committee

Please refer to Staffordshire County Council's [website](#) for details of all recently held meetings of the Health and Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Alternatively, the Chair may provide verbal updates on any recent meetings attended.

### 5. Presentation

The Head of Operations will give a presentation on the waste and recycling update - Collection Service (post April 2025) & New Food Waste Collection (post April 2026).

### 6. Review of the Work Programme - 2024/25

To receive a brief update on the Work Programme for 2024/25.

**Cannock Chase Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the**  
**Health, Wellbeing and The Community Scrutiny Committee**

**Held on Tuesday 2 July 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

**In the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Cannock**

**Part 1**

**Present:** Councillors:

Dunnett, M. (Chair)  
Freeman, M. (Vice-Chair)

Bancroft, J. ( <i>arrived later</i> )	Elson, J.
Boulton, C.	Fisher, P.
Cartwright, S.	Page, H.
Craddock, J.	Samuels, G.

Also present: County Councillor P. Hewitt, Staffordshire County Council

**1. Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor V. Jones.

**2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restrictions on Voting by Members and Party Whip Declarations**

No declarations of interests in additions to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members Interests were made.

**3. Minutes**

**Resolved:**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2024 be approved.

**4. Introduction to the Role of the Health, Wellbeing, & The Community Scrutiny Committee**

A presentation was given by the Head of Operations. He introduced Lead Officers and the Senior Committee Officer to the Committee.

*(At this point Councillor J. Bancroft arrived.)*

The Head of Operations advised the Committee when local government Scrutiny was formally introduced and the Localism Act. He discussed the purpose of Scrutiny and how effective Scrutiny should be which would include focusing and being forward thinking, making positive changes rather than looking at negatives.

He then set out what the role of the Committee would be and the Terms of Reference. There were several aspects which included and notwithstanding, policy development and review and external scrutiny of partners.

The role of policy development and review included reviewing and scrutinising current Council policies, reviewing existing policies and the development of new policies.

The Head of Operations showed slides that provided information on the role of holding the executive to account, performance management and review and the external scrutiny of partners.

He referred to the remit of the Committee and detailed some of the Scrutiny work undertaken including the use of task and finish groups to deliver the work programme, analysing projects and delivery, site visits when needed and invites to external organisations to attend meetings.

Information was then provided to the Committee on how the review would be set out in different stages.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions. No questions were asked.

A presentation was then given by the Head of Wellbeing.

The presentation covered the County Health and Care and Overview and Scrutiny Committee with what was considered the aims and outcomes for this.

She explained that the County Council would lead on matters at County wide level, although the County could ask a District or Borough to carry out Scrutiny of an issue.

The Head of Wellbeing showed a slide that provided information on the Integrated Care System which was introduced in July 2022. She reported that the Local Authority (Public Health, Health, and Wellbeing Board Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 had received an update in January.

She then showed some examples of Scrutiny issues which included whether a District/Borough Council could scrutinise access to GP surgeries in the area. The slide provided details stating that "The Primary Access Plan is a countywide plan and includes access to GP surgeries. This is scrutinised by the Staffordshire Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Representatives from District and Borough Councils have equal opportunity to question witnesses about progress of actions in the plan to improve access to GP surgeries across the region."

She then discussed the Wider, or Social, Determinants of Health. These included housing, employment, level of education and race, age, sex, and disability. A chart was shown which then detailed the General socioeconomic, cultural, and environmental conditions for example, living and working conditions, unemployment and water and sanitation.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions. No questions were asked.

## **5. End of Year Performance 2023/24**

Consideration was given to the end of year 2023/24 performance information for the Health & Wellbeing and The Community Priority Delivery Plans (Item 5.1 - 5.19 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Chair went through each page of the performance information with questions being asked on the following areas:

***Item No. 5.13 - Develop a Sustainability Strategy and action plan to reduce the Council's impact on climate.***

In response to a question raised by the Chair, the Head of Regulatory Services reported that the strategy was nearing completion. Information was being gathered and details needed to be recorded correctly.

***Item No. 5.15 - Work with Partners to support community events - regular meetings with town and parish councils***

A Member was keen to know what the current position was with regular meetings taking place with town and parish councils. She also referred to the UKSPF project funding and asked who had received the share of the funding for Cannock.

The Head of Operations reported that this would fall under the remit of the Head of Economic Development and Planning. However, he explained that the Council were currently trying to establish links with the Partnership. He advised that the Council had previously worked with the Partnership, however he was uncertain about the UKSPF funding and would need to come back to Members about this.

The Member expressed concern that the Town Centre Partnership was not running well. She reported that there was very little attendance at the last Board meeting and very little engagement, and she was also concerned regarding any funding provided for this. She felt that improvements needed to be made.

The Head of Wellbeing referred to the UKSPF funding and advised that the funding was not just split between parish/town councils. The funding also went to other projects in the area such as those that were health related.

The Staffordshire County Council Councillor referred to the position with the Town Centre Partnership and suggested that the situation could be resolved if the Council were to try and fulfil the role.

***Item No. 5.17 - % Household waste sent for re-use, recycling, and composting***

A Member referred to the 50% target and was keen to know if the Council was still trying to achieve this for next year, or if the target would be lower.

The Head of Operations reported that nationally recycling rates were falling due to the introduction of lightweight packaging following packaging reforms across the industry. He explained that the Council's target was set in the contract with the provider. He discussed an event he had attended, and it was recognised that recycling rates were reducing. He explained that general waste was not light in weight, however milk cartons had now reduced in weight due to the packaging reduction.

In response to a question from the Staffordshire County Council Councillor asking if the quality of recycling had improved given that the percentage had reduced. The Head of Operations reported that the quality had improved. He referred to the introduction of the blue bags for paper and card collections where there were many rejections. However, he explained that this had now changed and there had only been one rejection this year.

Members noted the end of year performance information.

## **6. Health, Wellbeing, & The Community Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2024/25**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Housing and Corporate Assets, Head of Operations, Head of Regulatory Services and Head of Wellbeing (Item No. 6.1 - 6.19 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Chair explained that she had met with some Members of the Committee to discuss potential work programme items. She then outlined the proposed reviews at appendix 4 of the report. She indicated that an additional review had been included which was a Review of the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.

At this point, the Staffordshire County Council Councillor raised previous issues around the continued closure of the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) at Cannock Chase Hospital.

A Member reported that the previous Chief Executive, David Loughton attended a previous Committee meeting where the MIU at Cannock Chase Hospital was discussed. She explained that due to the covid pandemic the MIU was temporarily closed in 2020 with its staff being transferred to other areas. However, the unit had never opened despite Members being told it would be 3 to 4 months after.

Members requested that the Council write to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust requesting that they attend a Committee meeting and provide an update to Members on the situation regarding the MIU.

A Member also referred to the Independent Co-opted Representative, Healthwatch, Staffordshire and asked if the Council knew if anyone would be attending meetings. This would be taken back to investigate.

Members then discussed the suggested Work Programme items.

- The customer journey, mapping telephone enquiries - it was reported that this would fall under the remit of the Responsible Council Scrutiny Committee
- Collection tenant arrears

### **Work Programme items for 2024-25**

Following discussion, the following Work Programme item was agreed for 2024-25:

- Review of the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy

It was agreed that a Working Group be established, and Members of the Committee were asked to email the Senior Committee Officer if they wished to be part of this group. They were advised of the arrangements for these meetings.

### **Resolved:**

That:

- (A) A Review of the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy would be undertaken as the Scrutiny Working Group for 2024-25.
- (B) Members were asked to email the Senior Committee Officer if they wished to be included in the membership for the review.

(C) A letter be forwarded to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust requesting that they attend a Committee meeting and provide an update to Members on the situation regarding the MIU.

(D) Healthwatch Staffordshire be contacted to see if a representative would be attending future meetings.

## **7. Statutory Health Scrutiny Items**

### **Update - Staffordshire County Council's Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The Chair reported that she had attended a recent accountability session with University Hospitals of North Midlands. Members were pleased with the activity regarding services the past year.

The meeting closed at 6:50pm

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**Chair**