



EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT COVER SHEET

Title of Report:	Chairman of the Scrutiny (Economic Growth Communities and Health) Committee: Annual Report 2018/19
Meeting of:	Council
Date:	4 th March 2019
Is this an Executive Decision:	NO
Is this a Key Decision:	NO
Is the Report Confidential:	NO
If so, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972:	N/A
<p>Essential Signatories:</p> <p>ALL REPORTS MUST BE IN THE NAME OF A HEAD OF SERVICE</p> <p>Monitoring Officer: Angela Wakefield</p> <p>Date Signature</p> <p>Chief Finance Officer: Sal Khan</p> <p>Date Signature</p>	

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PORTFOLIO:	Leader of the Council
HEAD OF SERVICE:	Chief Executive
CONTACT OFFICER:	Michael Hovers (Communities, Open Spaces & Facilities Manager) x1776
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Non-specific

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To provide a summary of the Scrutiny activities undertaken by the Scrutiny (Economic Growth, Communities and Health) Committee during 2018/19.

2. Background

2.1. The Council's Scrutiny Committees discharge the overview and scrutiny function under Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

2.2. This Committee is tasked with:

2.2.1. Reviewing and/or scrutinising decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions;

2.2.2. Reviewing and scrutinising the performance of the Council;

2.2.3. Serving as consultees in relation to executive decisions and key elements of service plans when required; and

2.2.4. Producing progress reports and recommendations to the Executive arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process or refer to the Executive entire reports produced as a result of the scrutiny process. However it is the decision of the Executive whether or not such a report is subsequently submitted to Full Council.

2.2.5. In relation to health scrutiny, the Committee shall exercise any powers conferred by Staffordshire County Council, as well as any powers conferred by legislation.

3. Contribution to Corporate Priorities

3.1. This report can contribute to all priorities to some degree (depending on the subject matter of the scrutiny review in question); however the remit of this particular Scrutiny Committee is to consider services within the corporate priority areas of “Promoting Local Economic Growth” and “Protecting and Strengthening Communities”.

4. Scrutiny Activities

4.1. Merger Between Queen’s Hospital and Royal Derby Hospital

4.1.1. The Committee liaised closely with senior representatives of Queen’s Hospital and Derby Hospital to understand the consequences and opportunities around the collaboration between both hospitals. This work involved receiving detailed presentations at key milestones in the merger process. With the merger now completed the committee will continue to have a dialogue with the new hospital trust to ensure patient outcomes and service quality remain high for East Staffordshire residents.

4.2. Virgin Care and East Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

4.2.1. The Committee has been liaising closely with senior representatives of Virgin Care and the CCG to help scrutinise the delivery of contracted services in East Staffordshire, to challenge and review this arrangement. This work has included receiving a detailed presentations to enable the Committee to scrutinise the impact of the contracted services and its outcomes.

4.2.2. Furthermore, the committee have held discussions with the CCG following the announcement that Gordon Street surgery had fallen into special measures. Members were satisfied that the CCG had an effective recovery plan in place to move the surgery out of special measures. The group continue to maintain an overview of the situation.

4.3. Adult Social Care (ASC)

4.3.1. A sub-group of the committee has completed a review of adult social care that examined the transition from children’s to adult care and the support that is available for young adults and/or their carers

4.4. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

4.4.1. In addition to adult social care, a further sub group has looked into ASB and in particular environmental crime. Meetings with internal partners and external agencies such as Staffs Police and Trent & Dove Housing revealed a multi-faceted partnership approach to tackling ASB. Members noted the 2018 increase in ASB, which is a national trend, and has been attributed to the recent football World Cup. Recommendations include further more focused training for members on ASB.

4.5. Domestic Violence

4.5.1. Under the leadership of Councillor Florence-Jukes a small sub group have completed a review of Domestic Abuse (DA) services. Members found that the council have robust policies, procedures and systems for handling victims and offenders and that front line staff have had the appropriate training to tackle potential DA cases. Recommendations include further promotion of DA services and a commitment to review and revisit the countywide DA service which was commissioned for the first time in October 2018.

5. Financial Considerations

*This section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit: **Lisa Turner***

5.1. There are no financial issues arising from this Report.

6. Risk Assessment and Management

6.1. The main risks to this Report and the Council achieving its objectives are as follows:

6.1.1. **Positive** (Opportunities/Benefits):

6.1.1.1. None

6.1.2. **Negative** (Threats):

6.1.2.1. None

6.2. The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register. Any financial implications to mitigate against these risks are considered above.

7. Legal Considerations

*This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team: **Angela Wakefield.***

7.1. There are no significant legal issues arising from this Report.

8. Equalities and Health

8.1. Equality impacts: The subject of this Report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality and health impact assessment is not required.

8.2. Health impacts: The outcome of the health screening question does not require a full Health Impact Assessment to be completed. An equality and health impact assessment is not required.

9. Human Rights

9.1. There are no Human Rights issues arising from this Report.

10. Sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures)

10.1. Does the proposal result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures) **N/A**

11. Recommendation(s)

11.1. To note the report

12. Background Papers

12.1. None

