

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY (ECONOMIC GROWTH, COMMUNITIES AND HEALTH) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny (Economic Growth, Communities and Health) Committee held in the Meeting Room at the Brewhouse Arts Centre, Burton upon Trent on Wednesday 24th January 2018.

Present:

Councillors A Johnson (Chairman), R A Faulkner, D Florence-Jukes, S A Hussain, R A Johnston, C B Jones, Mrs J A Killoran, S McGarry, S McKiernan, B G Peters, S Smith, P Walker and C Wileman.

Officers Present:

The Programmes and Transformation Team Leader and the Communities and Open Spaces Manager.

Also Present:

Sharon Martin, Chief Operating Officer at Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Helen Scott-South, Chief Executive of Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs L Shelton.

30/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor B G Peters advised the Committee that he would be attending this meeting as both a Borough Councillor and a County Councillor and that he was also a governor at Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor S A Hussain advised that he was a member of the Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

31/18 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting pursuant to Rule 12.

32/18 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th December 2017 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

33/18 **BURTON HOSPITAL FOUNDATION TRUST AND ROYAL DERBY FOUNDATION TRUST COLLABORATIVE WORKING**

Sharon Martin, Chief Operating Officer at Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Helen Scott-South, Chief Executive of Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust attended the meeting to give a presentation on the full business case, following its publication the previous week.

At this juncture Councillor S A Hussain left the meeting.

Benefits of the merger to patients and the workforce were highlighted as part of the presentation. Councillors noted that both organisations had a shared ambition to be outstanding and the pledges from the merger were as follows:

- Retain a vibrant district general hospital in Burton including A&E;
- Sustain and develop existing specialised services in Derby;
- Look at services in community hospitals at Lichfield, Tamworth and Derby which recognise the changing needs of these populations;
- Retain patient choice;
- Changes will only be made that will improve clinical services and there were no plans to privatise or make wholesale redundancies.

An opportunity for questions followed.

It was agreed to circulate a copy of the presentation electronically following the meeting.

NOTED.

34/18 **WORK PROGRAMME (INCLUDING UPDATE FROM SUB GROUP LEADS AND HEALTHY STAFFORDSHIRE SELECT COMMITTEE)**

The Committee received an update from Lead Councillors on the work programme and an update from the County Council representative on the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

The Committee noted changes to the membership of the scrutiny sub groups.

NOTED.

35/18 **QUESTIONS**

A question had been received from Councillor D Florence-Jukes submitted to the Committee prior to the meeting and is appended to these minutes. .

36/18 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting take place on 21st March 2018 at 6.30pm at the Brewhouse, Burton upon Trent.

37/18 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

PRIVATE MINUTES

Resolved:

That the private minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman

SCRUTINY (ECONOMIC GROWTH, COMMUNITIES AND GROWTH) COMMITTEE
- 24th JANUARY 2018

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR D FLORENCE-JUKES

- 01 Please provide details of the works carried out during the Public Toilets Refurbishment Programme to include total costings for the programme with a further breakdown cost for each individual facility.

ANSWER BY THE DEPUTY LEADER (ENVIRONMENT)

Background

A detailed review of the Council's public conveniences was conducted in 2012 when members of the Council (the 2011 to 2015 cohort) resolved to close two facilities with very low usage figures and, for the remainder, deliver a refurbishment programme. This was completed between 2013/14 and 2015/16, totalling £140k across 7 toilets. A condition survey was carried out on each facility, which enabled a schedule of works to be developed. The level of works ranged from a simple redecoration through significant repairs and refurbishment, including re-roofing, new windows, drainage, lighting, and replacement fixtures and fitting. The outcome being easier to maintain better facilities. The cost of refurbishment for each facility is set out in the table below. Building on this a further review occurred in 2014 and led to the closure of further facilities and the removal of toilet attendants.

In total, these changes significantly reduced the revenue budget allocation from £248k to £128k (2018/19), equal to 48%.

The Council has no statutory obligation to provide toilets. The provision and maintenance of toilets in public places is at the discretion of local authorities who have a power, under section 87 of the Public Health Act 1936 to provide public conveniences.

Review

A summary of the facilities set out below.

Public Convenience	Status	Cost of Refurbishment	Linked Assets	Approx. Cost/Annium
Manor Croft , Burton Upon Trent	Closed	---	---	£4k*
Bradley Street, Uttoxeter	Refurbished	£6.5k	Town centre & bus station	£25k
Bramshall Road, Uttoxeter	Refurbished	£42k	ESBC Park	£17k
Branston Water Park, Branston	Refurbished	£3k	Water Park	£16k
Conygree Lane, Mayfield	Closed	---		£1k*
Crowberry Lane, Barton	Refurbished	£2k	Village facility	£17k
Duke Street, Tutbury	Refurbished	£48.5k	Village facility	£18k

Jerrams Lane, Stapenhill Gardens	Refurbished	£35.5k	ESBC park	£17k
Newton Road, Winshill	Refurbished	£2.5k	ESBC park	£17k
Trinity Road, Uttoxeter	Closed	---	---	---
Whitehall Close, Kingstone	Closed	---	---	£1k*

*Facility closed, but incurs business rates