

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY (COMMUNITY REGENERATION, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH AND WELL BEING) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being) Committee in virtual environment on Tuesday 3rd November 2020.

Present:

Councillors A Clarke (Chairman), Mrs P L Ackroyd, L Beech, Mrs B Brady, Mrs V J Gould, R G W Grosvenor, P Hudson, S A Hussain, G Lamb, M Metcalfe, P Walker and C D Wileman and County Councillor B G Peters.

Officers Present:

The Communities and Open Spaces Manager, the Programmes and Transformation Team Leader and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J A Killoran and M Shrive.

84/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

85/20 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

86/20 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2020 be approved as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion Councillor	Those voting against	Those abstaining
A Clarke		R G W Grosvenor
Mrs P L Ackroyd		
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
Mrs V J Gould		
P Hudson		
S A Hussain		
G Lamb		
P Walker		
C D Wileman		

The Committee received a presentation from Lynn Millar, Executive Director of Primary Care and Medicines Optimisation, who was responsible for the six CCGs within Staffordshire, including East Staffordshire CCG.

The Committee received a presentation on the Strategic Overview of the CCG, which had 3 overarching themes:

- To transform the primary care landscape;
- To commission and invest in the primary care landscape;
- To contract better with GPs to achieve the outcomes the CCG were looking for.

The CCG aimed to have an average GP list of patients of 10k by 2023, which would provide increased benefits to patients. Over the past 2/3 years Primary Care Networks had been introduced, These networks were groups of GPs working together to provide services, with the larger networks in Burton and surrounds and Uttoxeter and surrounds.

The CCG had developed the Universal Offer, a set of 15 core services which each Practice was expected to deliver, no matter where a patient lived or which practice they were registered with. Consistent specifications and pricing enabled every patient in Staffordshire to access these 15 core services locally. Other programmes of work included estates, quality, digital, workforce, which fed into the overarching plan.

During the current pandemic, groups of Practices working together was very important. In March 2020, the CCG was very quickly able to mobilise the Digital Strategy, within 3 weeks and mobilise capability to enable staff to work from home, enabling video consultations etc. At the beginning of the pandemic there were Covid-19 outbreaks in Burton upon Trent, the CCG then realised that their Business Continuity Plans were not fit for purpose, particularly at one point when all Doctors within one practice tested positive for Covid-19. As a lesson learned all Business Continuity Plans had been improved and now had a secondary total failure plan was in place, which allowed for extra cover if needed. In the early days of the first wave, 90% of service had been provided remotely. Now the CCG had transformed their way of working, but they acknowledged that they needed to take patients with them, which still needed addressing.

It was noted that 40,000 more appointments had been made in September 2020 than in the previous September – this amounted to an increase of 103%. During the first wave there were 60% of appointments which were remote, with 40% face to face GP appointments. Access to GPs was good, but the volume of calls had increased significantly and the CCG acknowledged difficulties getting through on the phone, an issue which was being addressed. A lot had been learned from the first wave in particular as to how respond. The CCG had a commitment moving into the winter period to maintain primary care services, restoring services which had not been offered in the first wave and to step up those services offered.

An opportunity for questions followed.

At this juncture County Councillor B G Peters left the meeting.

It was agreed that the CCG provide a copy of the Strategic Plan and the 15 Core principles to the Committee. The CCG were also asked to consider how they could use Borough Councillors to communicate messages effectively to their local residents. In addition, the Deputy Leader (Regeneration and Planning Policy) would be invited to a future meeting, to discuss S106 money in developing health provisions within the community.

The Chairman thanked Ms Millar for her presentation and attendance at the meeting.

NOTED.

88/20 **SCRUTINY REVIEW UPDATES**

The committee noted that the final report on the review of Sports Development would be presented to the December meeting.

The sub group reviewing Supporting and Engaging with Community Groups would be meeting to discuss the scoping paper within the next week.

NOTED.

89/20 **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been received prior to the meeting.

90/20 **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed that the next meetings take place as follows:

16th December 2020;

27th January 2021;

25th March 2021.

NOTED.

Chairman