

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 the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall Burton upon Trent on Tuesday 2nd November 2021.

Present:

Councillors C Wileman (Chairman), E W R Barker, A Clarke, Mrs V J Gould, R G W Grosvenor, P Hudson, S A Hussain, S McGarry, P Walker and County Councillor P E B Atkins.

Officers Present:

The Communities and Open Spaces Manager and the Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P L Ackroyd, L Beech, Mrs B Brady, Mrs J A Killoran, Ms A Legg, M Shrive and Mrs L Walker.

156/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

157/21 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

158/21 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2021 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
C Wileman		S McGarry
E W R Barker		
A Clarke		
Mrs V J Gould		
R G W Grosvenor		
P Hudson		
S A Hussain		
P Walker		

159/21 **HS2 UPDATE**

Victoria Roberts, Senior Community Engagement Manager, Phase 2a, HS2, had attended the meeting to provide an update to the Committee on HS2 phase 2a.

Councillors noted that the Phase 2a Design Journey had begun in 2017 with the hybrid bill deposit and that Royal Assent had been achieved in February 2021, with detailed design being carried out 2023 onwards and preparatory works commencing in 2021. Phase 2a route through Staffordshire involved of 51km of track, 2 tunnels, 65 bridges and 17 viaducts, impacting 3 MP constituencies and 26 Parish Councils. A number of assurances were required for Blithfield Reservoir, with a number of appropriate bird risk assessments to be carried out before any work commences, to limit loss of flood plain grazing marsh and minimise any impacts around this area. The Uttoxeter Road B5013 and B5014 will be realigned, with traffic management plans in place. HS2 were ensuring the public were informed through the local engagement team; printed materials, hs2.org website; webinars and virtual one to ones; information events and information points. Funding was available for communities and for business economies which would be impacted by HS2, (£5m funding was available), managed by an independent charity. £6,5m of road safety funding available for highway authorities across Phase 2a and Staffordshire County Council had an allocation of £5,661,500 available until 2030.

It was agreed that a copy of the presentation slides would be circulated to Committee members for their information.

An opportunity for questions followed.

Miss Roberts agreed to contact Councillors outside of the meeting with responses she was unable to provide at the meeting.

NOTED.

160/21 **UPDATE FROM HEALTH AND CARE OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Councillors received an update from the Staffordshire County Councillor P E B Atkins on the recent meeting of the Health and Care Overview Scrutiny Committee of Staffordshire County Council.

An opportunity for questions followed.

NOTED.

161/21 **HEALTH SCRUTINY WORKING GROUPS – APPOINTMENT OF LEAD COUNCILLOR**

Councillor A Clarke had requested that this item be placed on the agenda. Members were requested to consider setting up two working sub-groups and appointing a lead Councillor for each of these groups.

It was agreed to create a working group which would look at the impact on Health on GP Access. Councillor P Walker indicated that he would like to join this sub-group, along with Councillor L Walker, with Councillor A Clarke lead Councillor for the group.

It was agreed to create a working group which would look at the impact of COVID 19 on Health in East Staffordshire. This sub-group would include Councillors Mrs V Gould, S McGarry and L Walker, with Councillor L Beech as lead Councillor for the group.

Councillors were asked to contact the Chairman if they were interested in participating in the work of either of these working groups.

An opportunity for questions followed.

NOTED.

162/21 **SCRUTINY REVIEW UPDATES**

Councillors received an update on the scrutiny reviews currently being carried out.

- **Waste and Recycling Review** – information has been received and the group were now in a position to liaise with the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee to complete the review;
- **Supporting and Engaging Communities Review** – the draft report had been finalised and the report would be submitted to the next meeting for sign off.

NOTED.

163/21 **PUBLIC EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

Councillors received for information a list of public Executive Decision Records.

It was agreed that the Deputy Leader (Community and Regulatory Services) be invited to the next meeting of the Committee to respond to questions in relation to EDR 366/21 “Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency Advice – Beat the Cold”.

NOTED.

164/21 **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been received in advance of the meeting.

165/21 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place on 15th December 2021.

NOTED.

166/21 **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.

