

# 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 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### **Present:**

Councillors C Wileman (Chairman), Mrs P L Ackroyd, E W R Barker, L Beech, Mrs B Brady, A Clarke, R G W Grosvenor, P Hudson, S A Hussain, Mrs J A Killoran (via Zoom), R Lock, S McGarry, P Walker and County Councillor P E B Atkins.

### **Also present:**

Councillors G Allen (Deputy Leader (Regeneration and Planning policy) and B G Peters (Deputy Leader (Community and Regulatory Services)

### **Officers Present:**

The Communities and Open Spaces Manager (via Zoom), the Planning Manager (via Zoom), the Programmes and Transformation Team Leader and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms A J Legg, M Shrive and L Walker.

### 188/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

### 189/22 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

### 190/20 **MINUTES**

#### **Resolved:**

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 be approved as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion Councillor</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
Mrs P L Ackroyd		Mrs B Brady
E W R Barker		
L Beech		
A Clarke		
R G W Grosvenor		
P Hudson		

<b>Those voting for the motion Councillor</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
S A Hussain		
R Lock		
S McGarry		
P Walker		
C Wileman		

191/21 **EDR 366/21 BEAT THE COLD**

Councillor B G Peters (Deputy Leader (Community and Regulatory Services)) attended the meeting to respond to questions from members of the Committee on the subject of this Executive Decision Record.

The Committee noted that the Service Level Agreement with Beat the Cold provided a telephone advice service for a full year and that the cost of the service was regardless of the number of people using the service. The Council had budgeted for 10 home visits up to the end of March 2022 and Councillors noted that no home visits had been necessary at the time and all enquiries to date had been addressed via telephone. There had been 238 enquiries received by the end of the last quarter, all of which were via telephone. In response to queries concerning costs in relation to 30 home visits, Councillor Peters agreed to provide a response to committee members outside of the meeting.

It was agreed that a representative from Beat the Cold be invited to attend a future meeting, to give an overview of the service provided and to allow for further questions from the Committee.

**NOTED.**

192/22 **HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AND ACCESS TO GPS**

The Deputy Leader (Regeneration and Planning Policy) and the Planning Manager attended the meeting to provide members of the Committee with an overview on planning and healthcare.

The Committee noted that the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) had recognised that in the past there was a gap in their role within the planning process resulting in the CCG not being as engaged in the process as other statutory consultees had been. To address this gap, the CCG had expanded their role within the planning process, which included recruitment of a dedicated Housing and Development Planning Officer; giving a number of presentations to Members and planning teams; establishing a single point of contact for pre-application advice; responding to consultations on behalf of NHS organisations; making representations to Local Planning Authorities in respect of developer contributions; developing and maintaining estate and infrastructure strategies and assessing housing and population growth in terms of impact on health provision. It was noted that a new Planning and Development Lead had been in post since January 2022, to be the contact for all planning applications consultations across Staffordshire. The Lead officer had also requested access to the weekly planning lists, as well as all major developments, to enable them to understand the level of all developments.

It was agreed that a copy of the presentation slides would be circulated to Councillors following the meeting

An opportunity for questions followed.

**NOTED.**

193/22 **UPDATE FROM HEALTH AND CARE OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Councillors noted that the next meeting of the Health and Care Overview Scrutiny Committee would take place the following week. County Councillor P E B Atkins made the committee aware of the Better Together press release and encouraged the committee to respond to the consultation on the draft Integrated Care System Strategy, details of which would be circulated to the Committee outside of the meeting.

**NOTED.**

194/22 **SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORTS**

The report on the review of waste and recycling services was considered. Appendix 1: review of waste management (Scrutiny Audit and Value for Money Council Services Committee) had been circulated with the report.

**Resolved:**

That the report be approved.

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E W R Barker	S A Hussain	
L Beech	R Lock	
Mrs B Brady	P Walker	
A Clarke		
P Hudson		
S McGarry		
C Wileman		

The report on the review of Supporting and Engaging Communities was considered.

**Resolved:**

That the report be approved.

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195/22 **HEALTH SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The Committee received an update from the lead Councillors responsible for the Impact on Health of GP Access and the Impact of Covid-19 on Health in East Staffordshire review groups.

**NOTED.**

196/22 **PUBLIC EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

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

**NOTED.**

197/22 **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been received in advance of the meeting.

198/22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place on 24th March 2022.

**NOTED.**

199/22 **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.

