

# EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## SCRUTINY (ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH AND WELL BEING) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny (Environment, Health and Well Being) Committee in the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall Burton upon Trent on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### **Present:**

Councillors Mrs P L Ackroyd (Chairman), L Beech, Mrs V J Gould, H Hall, Mrs J A Killoran, L Walker, P Walker and C Wileman (via Zoom).

### **Officers Present:**

The Communities, Open Spaces and Facilities Manager and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

### **Also Present:**

Councillor D Florence-Jukes

### 52/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

### 53/23 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

### 54/23 **MINUTES**

#### **Resolved:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd		
Councillor L Beech		
Councillor Mrs V J Gould		
Councillor H Hall		
Councillor Mrs J A Killoran		
Councillor L Walker		
Councillor P Walker		

### 55/23 **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS SCRUTINY REVIEW**

Amy Grindle, Relationships Development Manager from the White Ribbon Campaign gave a presentation on the White Ribbon Accreditation programme.

Councillors noted that in applying for White Ribbon accreditation, it would show commitment to the programme, rather than showing achievements and that once accredited, then the organisation would work towards achieving an action plan with outcomes towards the work of the White Ribbon Campaign. The purpose of the Campaign was primarily prevention, recognising that a lot of negative behaviours existed within the workplace. The organisation should be looking at a wholesale culture change assessing their own internal systems and structures and promoting a culture change. Those organisations already accredited were from both public and private sectors and could be larger organisations or small ones. Accreditation involved appointing one strategic Leader, champions and ambassadors within the organisation to speak to others about the campaign and raising awareness. Councillors noted that accreditation meant that there would be a positive change to the culture both inside and outside of organisation. When submitting an application for accreditation a lead contact should be identified, in addition to a strategic leader (which should be above Senior Manager level). The role of the Strategic Leader would be to promote the strategic objectives of the accreditation within the organisation. A White Ribbon Steering Group should be identified consisting of representatives from different departments throughout the organisation. Applications would be submitted to the Relationships Development Manager and would go forward to a Panel. Once accreditation had been approved (within 3-4 weeks of application), the organisation would be required to develop a 3 year action plan, which should be finalised within 6 months of the application. Once approved, White Ribbon Campaign logos and Press Releases could be used. Following finalisation of the action plan, a light touch annual review would be carried out to support organisations early on in the process, this would include key headlines on what would be achieved in years 2 and 3. The Relationships Development Manager provided support to all accredited organisations, including holding open door surgeries on a weekly basis. Accredited organisations also had access to a free to use resource hub, including in house training and guidance (launched in September 2022). Feedback from participating organisations was taken on board to further develop the hub. The hub also contained training information for ambassadors and champions – tips and guidance; presentations for use to enable them to educate others. A Conference was scheduled to take place in June 2023. If specific training was required, this would need to be delivered on site (at a cost), however train the trainer model was being offered to ensure that a sustainable approach within the organisation could be delivered. The price for accreditation would differ, depending on the size of the organisation and whether they were public or private sector.

An opportunity for questions followed.

The Chairman invited Councillor D Florence-Jukes to speak at the meeting, as she had proposed the motion at the Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 on this subject matter.

It was agreed that a list of local accredited organisations, in particular other Local Authorities with accreditation, be provided to the Committee. It was noted that Staffordshire Police and Trent and Dove Housing were local accredited organisations and it was agreed to contact them to establish how their participation in the White Ribbon Campaign was carried out within their organisations.

It was agreed to circulate a copy of the presentation, along with a copy of the application form and action plan information from the White Ribbon Campaign.

Councillors received a presentation from the Communities Open Spaces and Facilities Manager on Domestic Abuse and Violence Against women.

The presentation gave an overview of the Strategic Assessment for 2022, with a backwards looking view on statistics. It was noted that the Domestic Abuse policy had been updated in June 2022.

It was agreed to circulate a copy of the presentation to members of the Committee.

Councillors agreed that an informal meeting take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6.30pm on zoom, to discuss the review further.

**NOTED.**

56/23 **SCRUTINY REVIEW OF WASTE**

Councillors noted the scoping paper which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting. It was agreed that further thought was needed to be given with regards to the recommendations on the review, including more detail with regards to communications aspect of the review.

57/23 **SCRUTINY REVIEW PROGRAMME**

Councillors noted that a representative from University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust, in addition to a representative from the Beat the Cold Organisation had been invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

**NOTED.**

58/23 **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been received in advance of the meeting.

59/23 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that an informal meeting of the Committee would take place on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6.30pm on Zoom, in order to discuss the review of the White Ribbon Campaign further.

Councillors noted that the next scheduled meeting would then take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**NOTED.**

60/23 **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 Meeting during discussion of the following items as it would 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 indicated in brackets before each item number on the Agenda:

**PRIVATE MINUTE**

**Chairman**