



EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT COVER SHEET

Title of Report:	Chairman of the Scrutiny (Health & Well-being) Committee: Annual Report 2023/24	To be marked with an 'X' by Democratic Services after report has been presented
Meeting of:	Corporate Management Team: N/A	
	Leader and Deputy Leaders: N/A	
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	Council: 18th March 2024	
	Audit Committee / Scrutiny (Regeneration, Development and Market Hall) Committee / Scrutiny (Health and Well Being) Committee / Scrutiny (Climate Change and Environment) Committee / Scrutiny (Value for Money Council) Committee: N/A	



Is this an Executive Decision:	NO	Is this a Key Decision:	NO
Is this in the Forward Plan:	NO	Is the Report Confidential:	NO
If so, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972:	N/A		

Essential Signatories:

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Monitoring Officer: **John Teasdale**

Date Signature

Chief Finance Officer: **Lloyd Haynes**

Date Signature

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Report to Council

Date: 18th March 2024

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PORTFOLIO:	Leader of the Council
HEAD OF SERVICE:	Chief Executive
CONTACT OFFICER:	Michael Hovers (Communities, Open Spaces & Facilities Manager) Ext. No. 1776
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Non-specific

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To provide a summary of the Scrutiny activities undertaken by the Scrutiny (Health & Well-being) Committee during 2023/24.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Council's Scrutiny Committees discharge the overview and scrutiny function under Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

- 2.2. The Committees are tasked with:

- Reviewing and/or scrutinising decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions;
- Reviewing and scrutinising the performance of the Council;
- Serving as consultees in relation to executive decisions and key elements of service plans when required; and
- Producing progress reports and recommendations to the Executive arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process or refer to the Executive entire reports produced as a result of the scrutiny process. However it is the

decision of the Executive whether or not such a report is subsequently submitted to Full Council.

2.3 The Committee met for the first time this municipal year on 18th July 2023.

3. Contribution to Corporate Priorities

3.1. Scrutiny work can contribute to any priority depending on the subject matter of the scrutiny topic in question.

4. Committee Activities

Scrutiny Work

4.1. Over the past year, the Committee has undertaken various scrutiny work, including keeping a watching brief on corporate items and working on a number of specific reviews. These have included an examination of exercise provision for young people within the 12-18 age cohort. Although still to be finalised in a full report, the sub-group have heard in detail from Everyone Active and the schemes operated to encourage young people to exercise.

4.2 Operating in parallel has been a review of suicide rates in East Staffordshire and the provision of related mental health services. County council colleagues have provided the sub-group with figures that help to illustrate the prevalence of such incidents. However, sub-group members recognise that this is only partially indicative of wider mental health issues in East Staffordshire, and as a consequence have embarked upon a series of interviews with third sector providers. This aspect has helped Councillors understand what frontline service provision is being provided and the challenges faced.

General Scrutiny Responsibilities

4.3 There has been ongoing scrutiny from the Committee of the quarterly Corporate Plan Performance Reports as in previous years. The Committee has continued to scrutinise Executive Decision Records on an ongoing basis, and considered questions submitted to the Committee by members of the public for the first time.

4.4 In addition, the Committee also receive updates at each meeting on the activities of the Staffordshire County Council Health & Care Overview Committee via Cllr Philip Atkins and/or Cllr Holton.

Ongoing Programme of Reviews

4.5 The Committee continues to maintain a programme of future reviews, with Members highlighting and prioritising potential topics on an ongoing basis. This approach ensures a full and productive programme of work for the Committee, with additional reviews commencing in the near future as existing work is completed.

5. **Financial Considerations**

*This section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit: **Lloyd Haynes***

- 5.1. There are no financial issues arising from this Report.

6. **Risk Assessment and Management**

- 6.1. The main risks to this Report and the Council achieving its objectives are as follows:

6.1.1. **Positive** (Opportunities/Benefits):

- 6.1.1.1. None identified

6.1.2. **Negative** (Threats):

- 6.1.2.1. None identified

- 6.2. The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register. Any financial implications to mitigate against these risks are considered above.

7. **Legal Considerations**

*This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team: **John Teasdale***

- 7.1. Where a local authority operates under executive arrangements then it must also have an Overview and Scrutiny Committee ('OSC'), which is responsible for overseeing and scrutinising the local authority's decisions, for example, scrutinising the financial arrangements and performance of the local authority including its budget and accounting processes (section 9F, Local Government Act 2000). An OSC may be split into a number sub-committees dealing with the scrutiny of different areas, such as health and well-being or climate change.
- 7.2. A local authority operating under executive arrangements must ensure that its OSC has the power to:
- Review or scrutinise decisions or actions taken which relate to the discharge of any functions which are and are not the responsibility of the executive
 - Make reports or recommendations to a local authority or its executive relating to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the executive and also those that are not.
 - Make reports or recommendations on matters which affect a local authority's area or its inhabitant

7.3. However, and as this is a summary report, there are no significant legal implications.

8. Equalities and Health

8.1. **Equality Impacts:** The subject of this Report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality and health impact assessment is not required.

8.2. **Health Impacts:** The outcome of the health screening question does not require a full Health Impact Assessment to be completed. An equality and health impact assessment is not required.

9. Data Protection Implications – Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)

10.1. A DPIA must be completed where there are plans to:

- use systematic and extensive profiling with significant effects;
- process special category or criminal offence data on a large scale; or
- systematically monitor publicly accessible places on a large scale
- use new technologies;
- use profiling or special category data to decide on access to services;
- profile individuals on a large scale;
- process biometric data;
- process genetic data;
- match data or combine datasets from different sources;
- collect personal data from a source other than the individual without providing them with a privacy notice ('invisible processing');
- track individuals' location or behaviour;
- profile children or target marketing or online services at them; or
- process data that might endanger the individual's physical health or safety in the event of a security breach

10.2 Following consideration of the above, there are no Data Protection implications arising from this report which would require a DPIA.

10. Human Rights

10.1. There are no Human Rights issues arising from this Report.

11. Sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures)

11.1. Does the proposal result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures) **N/A**

12. **Recommendation(s)**

12.1. To note the report

13. **Background Papers**

13.1. None

