

# 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 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 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.

### **Officers Present:**

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

### **Also Present:**

An apology for absence was received from County Councillor P E B Atkins.

#### 62/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

#### 63/23 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

#### 64/23 **MINUTES**

##### **Resolved:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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 Mrs J A Killoran
Councillor H Hall		
Councillor L Walker		
Councillor P Walker		
Councillor C Wileman		

At this juncture Councillors L Beech and Mrs V J Gould joined the meeting.

#### 65/23 **UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF DERBY AND BURTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST UPDATE**

The Chairman introduced Andrea Gordon (Managing Director, Burton/Deputy Chief Operating Officer) from University Hospital of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust to the meeting.

Councillors noted that the recent strike action had been challenging, however the organisation had spent a lot of time planning in advance to minimise patient safety issues. Those plans which had been put in place worked well. This did lead to some operations being cancelled. There were a lot of patients waiting for outpatient and inpatient appointments, however the backlog on this was slowly being progressed. The treatment targets were for patients to be treated within 78 weeks. There were approximately 150-200 patients left by the end of March which had not been treated within that target. Cancer patients should be treated within 62 days (which was the national standard) – patients were being monitored and tracked, with a relentless focus on every patient through the cancer journey. With regards to ambulance turnaround, performance had been good, in particular since the recent strike (with a target turnaround within 15 minutes). The good relationship the hospital had with West Midlands Ambulance Service was highlighted. 76% of patients admitted to Accident and Emergency treatment had been recently treated within the four hour turnaround. There had been a huge investment on the Burton site recently, including the Treatment Centre; Intensive Care Unit revamped with 10 beds and 3 isolation wards and a birthing pool in maternity unit. An investment of £10m had been made for clinical diagnostic centre to be sited at the Robert Peel community hospital site in July 2023. A new electronic patient record system was being implemented. A lot of initiatives were ongoing at the moment, notwithstanding the operational challenges. With regards to staffing it was noted that there was a shortage of consultants in particular in haematology and oncology – on certain occasions mutual aid had to be requested from other hospitals to temporarily fill these posts.

An opportunity for questions followed.

Councillors wished to place on record their thanks to Ms Gordon for attending the meeting and the positive nature of her presentation and progress of the organisation. It was agreed that she be invited to give a further update to a future meeting.

**NOTED.**

66/23 **BEAT THE COLD**

The Chairman informed the Committee that unfortunately the organisation had been unable to send a representative to attend the meeting on this occasion, however Beat the Cold had indicated that a representative would attend a future meeting.

**NOTED.**

67/23 **COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH AND CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Committee noted the contents of the written update provided by County Councillor P E B Atkins, which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting. The Chairman indicated that the next meeting of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee would take place on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and that she would be attending this meeting.

**NOTED.**

68/23 **QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the progress at the end of Quarter 3 of the 2022/23 financial year towards delivering the Council's Corporate Plan and achieving

the Environment and Health and Well Being priority was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Spreadsheet of Quarter 3 updates for Corporate Plan targets;
- Appendix 2: Quarter 3 2022/23 benchmarking exercise coordinated by East Staffordshire Borough Council.

It was noted that out of the 129 targets, 46 contributed to the Environment and Health and Wellbeing corporate priority and of these 46 targets, 100% were green status.

An opportunity for questions followed.

**NOTED.**

69/23 **WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN REVIEW**

It was noted that the draft report would be finalised and circulated to Councillors shortly, for consideration by Committee members. It was agreed that an informal meeting take place via Zoom on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 at 6.30pm to discuss the final draft report page by page and that a formal meeting be then scheduled in April to consider the final report.

**NOTED.**

70/23 **SCRUTINY REVIEW OF WASTE**

The Chairman indicated that the recommendations made previously by the committee in regards to the scrutiny review of waste had not been strong enough. She suggested that this also be considered at the informal meeting to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.

**NOTED.**

71/23 **EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

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

An opportunity for questions followed.

**NOTED.**

72/23 **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been received in advance of the meeting.

73/23 **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 EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

