Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5 July 2016 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

Present: Councillors D'Arcy, Parkins and Mrs Redford.

Also Present: Councillors Grainger and Quinney.

1. **Apologies and Substitutes**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Edgington, Mrs Falp and Mrs Knight. There were no substitutes.

2. **Appointment of Chair**

It was moved by Councillor D'Arcy, and duly seconded that Councillor Parkins be appointed Chair of Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

Resolved that Councillor Parkins be elected Chair of Warwick District Council's Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

3. **Co-option of Councillors onto the Sub-Committee**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Redford, and duly seconded that Councillor Mrs Falp be co-opted onto the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Falp be co-opted onto Warwick District Council's Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

It was moved by Councillor Parkins, and duly seconded that Councillor Mrs Knight be co-opted onto the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Knight be co-opted onto Warwick District Council's Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

It was moved by Councillor D'Arcy, and duly seconded that Councillor Quinney be co-opted onto the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

Resolved that Councillor Quinney be co-opted onto Warwick District Council's Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

5. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2016 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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6. **Review of the Work Programme**

The Sub-Committee considered its work programme for 2016.

Resolved that:

(1) an update from the Peer Review be given on 24 August 2016;

(2) the Sub-Committee starts work on a report on the Sub-Committee's work and future for Overview and Scrutiny Committee;

(3) a report on the Housing Assessment Team including Disabled Facilities Grants be delivered on 22 November 2016;

(4) the use of S106/Community Infrastructure Levy monies for Health and Wellbeing projects be prioritised when the rules for CIL have been defined;

(5) the "Walking Scheme" be tied into the report from Neighbourhood Services on Green Spaces and Friends of the Parks. How this affects mental health should be covered;

(6) officers should review whether the policy on smoking and E-cigarettes has changed since it was implemented. If it has not, then the item to review the updated figures and review the policy can be deleted from the Work Programme;

(7) Neighbourhood Services should be asked to speak about bulk collection and fly tipping; and

(8) officers from Health and Community Protection and Committee Services should examine the Work Programme and set dates against some of the reports which do not have dates set.

7. **Staff Occupational Safety and Health Training**

The Sub-Committee considered a report from Health and Community Protection which summarised the Health and Safety training, under the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) that had been provided to staff.

The Corporate Health and Safety Coordinator informed Members that the Council had been running IOSH training since December 2015, and this has been primarily targeted at managers and team leaders. So far 21 members of staff had completed the training, and a further ten were part way through the course.

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The training remained current for three years and there was now the opportunity for trained staff to attend one day refresher courses when necessary.

The Council used a software package called "AssessNet" to hold all records relating to health and safety, including logging any accidents or incidents. This database enabled training to be targeted. The previous system had been paper-based and this had been inefficient in spotting trends.

Members asked if it might be possible in future reports to use AssessNet to monitor stress in relation to management styles.

Resolved that the report be noted.

8. **Dementia Friendly Communities**

This report was deferred to August 2016.

9. **"Skip n Chip"/"Dump your Junk" – a proactive community engagement approach to fly tipping and providing advice and support to residents**

The Sub-Committee considered a report from Health and Community Protection which gave details of an initiative run by the Community Partnership Team in conjunction with Orbit, Heart of England in the Brunswick and Leam wards.

Orbit had run very successful "Skip n Chip" days in hotspot areas in Coventry to address ongoing issues with fly tipping. They had a bulk refuse amnesty and a skip or van was provided for the day. Housing staff and other services were on hand to talk to people about any issues.

Following a survey of Brunswick tenants, this initiative was tested on 29 March and had proven very successful. Another event was now planned in July under the banner "Keep Sydenham Clean". Further events in hotspots were also being considered.

Members were interested to know whether the events would prove cost-effective in the battle against removing and dealing with fly tipping. They suggested that the Council should consider building in "freecycling" on the basis that one person's junk is another's treasure. Once the initiative had been trialled, a decision would be made on whether to continue with it on a long-term basis.

Members also suggested that the Council might wish to consider trouble hotspots where residents did not have access to transport .A model used abroad where waste containers were located at key points in the streets was suggested.

It was noted that the pilot had been aimed at tenants, leading to a suggestion that it could be opened up to private homeowners where fly tipping was an issue.

Resolved that the report be noted.

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10. **Health Strategy Update**

This report was deferred to August 2016.

(The meeting finished at 6.47 pm)

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