

**Minutes of the Meeting of Scrutiny Co-ordination
Committee held at 2.00 p.m. on 9th October 2013**

Present:

Committee Members: Councillor Mrs Fletcher (Chair)
 Councillor Clifford (Deputy Chair)
 Councillor Blundell
 Councillor T Khan
 Councillor Sandy
 Councillor Skipper
 Councillor Taylor
 Councillor Thomas

Other Members: Councillor Gingell (Cabinet Member (Health and Adult
 Services))
 Councillor Lucas (Cabinet Member (Policy and
 Leadership))

Employees (by Directorate):

Chief Executive's: J. Moore
Resources: S. Bennett, A. West
Apologies: Councillor Abbott

Public business

31. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

32. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September, 2013 were signed as a true record.

Further to Minute 26 headed 'Houses in Multiple Occupation – Recommendations from Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee', the Committee noted consideration of this item by Cabinet at their meeting on 8th October, 2013 (their Minute 66 refers).

Further to Minute 23 headed "Report Back on Conference – Delegation to City of Volgograd", the Committee noted that work was still being done on cultural opportunities and action arising from Councillor Mutton's visit to Volgograd and that a briefing note on this matter would be circulated to the Committee in due course.

33. Coventry – A Marmot City

The Committee considered a briefing note of the Director of Public Health which provided an overview of the Council's approach and progress to date as one of the seven Marmot Cities working to improve life chances and reduce inequalities.

The Committee noted that considerable inequalities in Coventry exist in relation to life expectancy and years of life spent with ill health. As a Marmot City, Coventry is committed to delivering change in health inequalities by 2015.

The briefing note detailed progress to date, including the establishment of Coventry's Marmot Steering Group, which was meeting bi monthly. All Directorates across the Council had been working to ensure that the Marmot objectives were firmly embedded within work plans for 2013-15 and an overarching indicator had also been developed to measure progress against both Marmot and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Appended to the briefing note was a document discussed at the Health and Wellbeing Board in June, 2013 and which outlined Directorates and partners' level initiatives, as well as the suggested core indicator set.

The Committee question the Director of Public Health on a number of issues including:-

- Targets and critique
- Innovative work being undertaken in partnership with other organisations
- Information and good practise sharing and benchmarking with other Marmot Cities
- Work being undertaken in conjunction with the Universities
- Difficulties experienced in terms of data collection
- The benefits of introducing a cycling initiative
- Work being undertaken to engage with employers and businesses in the City

RESOLVED:-

- 1) That the approach taken to date to make Coventry a "Marmot City" be endorsed.**
- 2) That the continuation of strong leadership to support this agenda be agreed.**
- 3) That the Marmot City Programme be requested to support the investigation of a cycle initiative to increase physical activity, promote sustainable transport, improve access to employment and other sites and provide employment, skills and training opportunities.**
- 4) That the Marmot City Programme be requested to engage with employers in the City to improve health outcomes for their employees.**
- 5) That the Scrutiny Boards be requested to identify opportunities to champion the Marmot City priorities through their Work Programmes.**

34. **Director of Public Health Annual Report**

The Committee considered a briefing note and presentation which provided an overview of the Director of Public Health Annual Reports for 2012 and 2013 on the health of the people in the area of the local authority, the production of which was a statutory requirement.

The 2013 annual report was currently in draft format, prior to its consideration by the Health and Well-being Board on 21st October, 2013 and was appended to the briefing note. The 2013 report looked at four key lifestyle behaviours: diet, smoking, alcohol consumption and physical activity. The report looked at how these have changed in the City over a five year period and identified groups that exhibit both healthy and unhealthy behaviours across these four themes.

The 2012 report looked back over changes in the previous 40 years and identified priorities for future work, which have been integrated into the Health and Well-being Strategy and the Marmot Work Programme for the City.

The Committee questioned the Director of Public Health on aspects of the annual reports including:-

- Mental wellbeing
- Definitions and benefits of healthy/stable weight

RESOLVED that the findings of the Director of Public Health Annual Reports for 2012 and 2013 be endorsed and that a copy of the presentation slides be circulated to all Members of the Committee.

35. **Statutory Role of the Director of Public Health Annual Report**

The Committee considered a briefing note which outlined the statutory role of the Director of Public Health.

RESOLVED that the contents of the briefing note be noted.

36. **Outstanding Issues**

The Committee noted that all outstanding issues had been included in the Work Programme for the current year.

37. **Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2013/14**

The Committee considered the Work Programme for 2013-2014 and were informed that the meeting on 6th November, 2013 would include an update on Domestic Violence and Abuse , together with the planned item on the Built Environment Enforcement and that the meeting scheduled for 11th December, 2013 would concentrate on Welfare Reform.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be updated to take account of the issues outlined above.

38. **Any Other Items of Public Business**

There were no additional items of public business.

(Meeting closed: 11.35 a.m.)