

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee held at 10.00 am on
Wednesday, 19 June 2019

Present:

Members: Councillor R Brown (Chair)

Councillor N Akhtar
Councillor R Bailey (Substitute for Councillor Andrews)
Councillor J Clifford
Councillor J McNicholas
Councillor R Singh

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: S Bennett, V Castree

People: D Dawson, L Gaulton

Apologies: Councillors A Andrews, L Kelly, G Ridley

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 April, 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

3. Coventry Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019 - 2023 Consultation

The Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee considered a Briefing Note of the Deputy Chief Executive (People) which indicated that the City's current Health and Wellbeing Strategy covers the period 2016-19. Work is underway to produce a new Strategy for approval and publication in the Autumn 2019.

The Council and the local Clinical Commissioning Group have a statutory duty, through the Health and Wellbeing Board, to develop a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for the City and a Health and Wellbeing Strategy that translates the JSNA findings into clear outcomes the Board wants to achieve.

The core aim of the JSNA and Health and Wellbeing Strategy is to develop local, evidence-based priorities for commissioning local, evidence-based priorities for commissioning local services which will improve the public's health and reduce inequalities. The outcomes of this work will help to determine what actions the Council, the local NHS and other parties need to take to meet health and social care needs, and to address the wider determinants that impact on health and wellbeing.

The Briefing Note, together with a presentation at the meeting, informed the Committee about the consultation on the new Strategy and provided an opportunity for the Committee to make any recommendations or comments as part of the consultation process.

The Committee were informed of:-

- Place-based Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- The proposals developed for the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which were detailed in the consultation document appended to the Briefing Note
- The Consultation and Engagement Process
- Key issues that have shaped the Strategy
- Equalities issues
- The Next Steps

The Committee questioned officers on aspects of the Briefing Note and presentation, particularly in relation to:-

- Embedding climate change issues into the Strategy
- The consultation process, engagement with communities, the use of social media and connecting with Ward Councillors who can provide links to the local community
- Performance management and KPIs
- Data analysis and demographical data used to inform the Strategy
- Prioritising prevention
- Using Licensing and Planning tools as a way of tackling health inequalities

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee:-

- 1. Notes the process for the development of the new Coventry Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-23, including consultation arrangements and equalities considerations;**
- 2. Notes the proposals for the new Strategy as outlined in the consultation document Coventry Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-23 – have Your Say;**

3. Requests that their comments in relation to the following be taken on board:-

a) Embedding climate change issues in the Strategy

b) Consultation and, in particular, engaging directly with Councillors in relation to any future consultations

c) Encompassing Licensing and Planning issues as a way of tackling health inequalities

4. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme and Outstanding Issues 2019/2020

The Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee considered their Work Programme and outstanding issues for 2019/20.

In relation to a number of the issues identified, it was noted that the Chair, Councillor Brown, would be identifying those items on the Work Programme that can be dealt with by way of a Briefing Note and that the Work Programme would be updated accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme and outstanding issues for 2019/20 be noted.

5. Any Other Items of Urgent Public Business - Constitutional Issue

In accordance with the Constitution, the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee were informed that, pursuant to part 3e of the City Council's Constitution, Councillor R Brown, Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, attended the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities held on 18 June, 2019 for the consideration of an item relating to "Petition – Objection to the Proposals to Hold a Funfair on Stoke Green" and had agreed the need for urgency such that call-in arrangements will not apply. The reason for urgency being that the Funfair operator was intending to be on site at Stoke Green Park on 24 June, 2019 to start starting setting up and it was important to give the operator adequate notice to make the necessary preparations in time for the proposed event.

The Committee acknowledged the grounds for urgency but raised concerns in relation to the timing of the Cabinet member meeting and the fact that it was held so near to the event.

RESOLVED that appropriate officers be informed of the Committee's concerns in relation to the late timing of the Cabinet Member meeting.

(Meeting closed at 11.00am)