A meeting of the Housing, Health and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton, on Thursday 12th September, 2013.

Present

Councillor C.M. Watkins – Chair


Apologies for absence was received from Councillor D. Carr (Vice Chair)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July, 2013, be confirmed and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments:

Minute 113, Declarations of Interest

The Declaration of Interest in respect of Councillor Wilson be amended to read:

“Councillor K.D. Wilson declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of him being employed by the County Court and Family Proceedings Court and by reason of a family member having recently died in George Eliot Hospital”.

Minute 114, George Eliot Hospital – Mortality Rates

Mr. Chris Bradshaw, Deputy Chief Executive to be replaced with Mr. Chris Bradshaw, Director of Finance

Declarations of Interest

Councillor J. B. Beaumont declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of him being a Member of Warwickshire County Council

Councillor K.D. Wilson declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of him being employed by the County Court and Family Proceedings Court and by reason of a family member being a patient in George Eliot Hospital.
Councillor C.M. Watkins declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of him being a Board member of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Leisure Trust and Community Safety Ambassador.

180 **Pride in Camp Hill Progress Report 2013**

The Camp Hill Project Manager report to the Panel on progress being made in Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Camp Hill Village Development was considered.

Members asked questions related to:-

(a) the numbers of retail shops let;

(b) the numbers of properties currently empty awaiting sale;

(c) the number of apprenticeships that are available on the project and their success for local people entering work; and

(d) the need to improve promotion of the area around Camp Hill to encourage interest.

**RESOLVED** that the Camp Hill Project Manager be thanked for his report and it be noted.

181 **Community Safety Performance**

The report of the Director – Housing and Communities was considered. This report provided Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership (NABSCOP) performance measures relating to Community Safety

Members asked questions and the following issues were raised:

(a) concern at the rise in violent and vehicle crimes in the Borough during the first quarter;

(b) pleased with the reduction of Domestic Violence incidents as part of the violent crime figures;

(c) the large number of priority families in the County that were from the Borough;

(d) the Anti Social Behaviour data was in need of review in the next quarter’s report;
the need for Safer Neighbourhood Teams to be staffed appropriately with changes of personnel kept to a minimum; and

the pilot scheme for Taxi Marshalls to reduce violence in the Town Centre needed to be introduced before February 2014;

RESOLVED that

(a) the new Chief Inspector, Mike Slemensek, be thanked for his attendance;

(b) the Cabinet Member for Finance and Civic Affairs ensures that urgent action is taken to implement the Town Centre Taxi Rank and Taxi Marshalls scheme before funding is lost in February 2014; and

(c) the Director – Housing and Communities provides a further report to a future meeting of the Panel regarding the Police and Safer Neighbourhood Team reforms locally.

Work Programme 2013/14

The Principal Democratic Services Officer (Committees) discussed the Work Programme for 2013/14

RESOLVED that

(a) the Decoration Allowance item be added back on to the work programme as the report was not available for the September meeting;

(b) the letter from Josie Spencer, Director of Operations, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust be noted;

(c) the Members of the Panel contact the Principal Democratic Services Officer with their names if interested in joining the Warwickshire County Council Task and Finish group reviewing the Quality Accounts at George Eliot Hospital; and

(d) the work programme as amended be agreed.

Any Other Items

George Eliot Hospital -

The Panel received a presentation from Mr. Chris Bradshaw, Director of Finance, George Eliot Hospital who updated the Panel on the proposed procurement process to secure a partner.
Members asked questions and the following points were made:

(a) the differences for George Eliot Hospital between it being a NHS Trust and a Foundation Trust;

(b) George Eliot Hospital Officers provide a more consistent message with their public presentations on this matter; and

(c) the need for the Council to engage with the Health and Well Being Board and the Clinical Commissioning Group to ensure the required funding is made available in the Borough.

RESOLVED that

(a) Mr. Bradshaw be thanked for his attendance and his presentation be noted; and

(b) the Panel extend an invitation to the Clinical Commissioners Group for Warwickshire North and West Leicestershire to attend a future meeting of the Panel.

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Chair