A meeting of the Housing, Health and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Thursday 31st July, 2014

Present

Councillor C.M. Watkins - Chair

Councillors D. Fowler, K. Kondakor (substituting for Councillor I.C. Bonner) S.J. Margrave, C.S. Phillips, R.A. Taylor, Mrs L. Price and Miss I. Klabisz

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.B. Beaumont, I.C. Bonner, T. Doherty and K.D. Wilson.

HHC9 Declarations of Interest

Councillor K. Kondakor declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of him being a Member of Warwickshire County Council and a member of the Nuneaton Cycling, Rambling and Mountaineering Clubs.

Councillor C.S. Phillips declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of her being a Member of Warwickshire County Council.

Councillor C.M. Watkins declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of him being a Community Safety Ambassador.

HHC10 Introduction to the Sports Development Team

The Panel received a verbal presentation by officers from the Sports Development Team who each provided a brief overview of their role and responsibilities within the new Team, the current priorities and projects they were working on and a brief outline of future work programmes.

RESOLVED that the officers from the Sports Development Team be thanked for their attendance at the meeting and their presentations be noted.

HHC11 Anti-Social Behaviour Community Remedy Consultation

A report from the Director – Housing and Communities informed members that there was a duty on the Police and Crime Commissioner to conduct a consultation exercise on the options associated with the Community
Remedy to address anti-social behaviour and sought members’ views on the options which they considered appropriate for implementation.

**RESOLVED** that it be recommended to Cabinet that

(1) the following options in the report be supported and considered appropriate for implementation by the Police and Crime Commissioner:

- Community Mediation
- Shuttle Mediation
- A written or verbal apology from the offender
- Structured Activity
- Reparation to the Local Community
- Targeted and specific intervention
- Financial compensation in full or a contribution towards any damages caused
- Repair of the specific damage caused
- Parenting Contract
- Acceptable Behaviour Contract

(2) the following two options not be supported for the reasons given:

(a) Counselling – members considered that this was not an effective remedy in dealing with low level ASB;

(b) Tenancy Enforcement through social landlords (to be agreed in advance) – it was not considered necessary to include this in the list of options for support as this option was already undertaken by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council; and

(3) the Police and Crime Commissioner be requested to look into the issues of anti-social behaviour caused by “off road” vehicles and consideration be given to making suitable sites available in order to make this activity more accessible for “off road” users.

**Integrated Performance Report – First Quarter 2014-15**

The report of the Director – Finance and Procurement and the Performance Quality Manager was considered. This report provided performance measures and financial budget information for service areas within the scope of this panel.

**RESOLVED** that

(1) the information be noted; and
(2) the target and performance figures in respect of Community Safety and Heating and Plumbing be checked and confirmed.
HHC13  **Tenancy Agreement Review**

A report from the Director – Housing and Communities was presented on the proposed review of the Council’s tenancy agreement.

**RESOLVED** that

(1) the report be noted;
(2) Members’ comments in respect of the need for residents to show consideration to neighbouring properties when parking commercial vehicles be considered as part of the review; and
(3) the Chair of this Panel be appointed to serve on the Review Working Group.

HHC14  **Housing Rapid Response Pilot Scheme**

This item was deferred until the meeting in November 2014.

HHC15  **Abandoned Property (Vulnerable Tenants)**

This item was deferred until the meeting in November 2014.

HHC16  **Response from Cabinet**

There were no responses from Cabinet.

HHC17  **Work Programme 2014/15**

The Principal Democratic Services Officer (Committees) discussed the Work Programme for 2014/15

**RESOLVED** that the Work Programme for 2014/15 be agreed subject to the following changes:

- Tenancy Agreement Review Report be submitted to the meeting in January 2015
- Health Inequalities Action Plan Progress Report and JSNA Priorities be reported to the meeting in September 2014
- Housing Rapid Response Pilot Scheme and Abandoned Property (Vulnerable Tenants) be added to the work programme for 2014/15.

HHC18  **Any Other Items**

There were no other items.