

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

**HOUSING, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

4th December, 2014

A meeting of the Housing, Health and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Thursday, 4th December, 2014.

Present

Councillor C.M. Watkins – Chair

Councillors J.B. Beaumont, D. Fowler, S.J. Margrave, C.S. Phillips, R.A. Taylor, Mrs L. Price and Ms I. Klabisz

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T. Doherty and K.D. Wilson.

HHC40 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors J.B. Beaumont and C.S. Phillips declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of them 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.

Mrs L. Price declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of her being a member of the Community Safety Partnership.

HHC41 **Sports and Leisure Management (SLM) - Report and Update**

Ian Bradgate and Simon Fearn from Sports and Leisure Management gave an overview of the first six month's delivery of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Leisure Contract.

RESOLVED that

- (1) Ian Bradgate and Simon Fearn be thanked for their attendance at the meeting and their verbal presentation be noted; and
- (2) quarterly meetings be held with representatives from SLM, the Chair of this Panel and officers from Community Safety Team and Sports Development Team to discuss issues relating to the Leisure Contract.

HHC42 **Community Safety Performance – Quarter 2**

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

Chief Inspector Mike Slemensek informed members that this was the last meeting of this Panel which he would be attending as he would be taking up a new position within the Police.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the report be noted and remedial actions continue to be implemented;
- (2) the Panel's thanks and best wishes for the future be extended to Chief Inspector Mike Slemensek;
- (3) the Police be requested to provide information at a future meeting regarding the number of Special Constables in this borough; and
- (4) a breakdown of figures in respect of the number of men and women committing Domestic Abuse be reported to a future meeting of this Panel.

HHC43 **Integrated Performance Report – Second Quarter**

The integrated performance report from the Audit and Governance Manager and Governance and Performance Officer provided appropriate performance measures and financial budget information for service areas within the scope of this Panel.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

HHC44 **Pilot Garden Support Scheme**

A report from the Director – Housing and Communities provided information on the aims and objectives of the proposed pilot Garden Support Scheme.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the inclusion of works to trees in the Scope of Works be investigated further.

HHC45 **Chair's Update from Warwickshire County Council**

The Chair reported that he would be meeting with senior officers from Housing regarding the implications for this borough following Warwickshire County Council's announcement to reduce the budget in respect of Housing Related Support Services (Supporting People).

RESOLVED that

- (1) the Chair's report be noted; and
- (2) further information on the Commissioned Housing Related Support Services be circulated to members of the Panel.

HHC46 **Response from Cabinet**

There were no responses from Cabinet.

HHC47 **Work Programme 2014/15**

The revised Work Programme for 2014/15 was circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the revised Work Programme for 2014/15 be agreed; and
- (2) investigations into using the Council's unwanted wood and felled trees to relieve fuel poverty in the borough be added to the Work Programme for 2014/15.

Chair