

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**HEALTH AND WELLBEING POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER, 2014 AT 4.00 P.M.**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Stretton, Mrs. P.Z. (Chairman)  
Gamble, B. (Vice-Chairman)

Davis, Mrs. M.A.  
Grocott, M.R.  
Todd, R.

Toth, J.  
Whitehouse, Miss. S.

**10. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. A. Allt and Mrs. A.F. Bernard.

**11. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Grocott, M.R.	Member of the Planning Control Committee	Personal

There were no other declarations of interests in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members Interests.

**12. Minutes**

A Member referred to Minute 5. District Health Profile – District Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Public Health District Delivery Plan and advised the Committee that with regard to the Priority area Alcohol/Substance misuse, she reported that the old Progressive Working Men’s Club at Cannock Shopping Centre had plans to be converted to run a substance misuse service which would be offered through the charity Addiction Dependency Solutions Staffordshire.

Both the Chairman and Head of Environmental Health, Mr. Steve Shilvock advised that they would speak with the relevant departments to ascertain further details on these proposals.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 August, 2014 be approved as a correct record.

**13. Health and Wellbeing – Active and Healthy Lifestyles Quarter 1**

It was reported that this item would be withdrawn from the Agenda.

**14. Current Issues and Role of Food Safety Team**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Dave Prosser Davies, Food and Safety Manager to the meeting to give a presentation to Members.

The presentation consisted of the Food and Safety Team Priorities.

Dave Prosser-Davies reported that the Local Authority Regulatory Services including Environmental Health played a key role in supporting the local economic prosperity and community wellbeing. They ensured that well-run, legally compliant businesses were supported and that consumers, workers and the environment were protected.

The work of the food safety team consisted of:

- Managing the public mortuary
- Inspecting food premises
- Business advice and support
- Accident investigation
- Investigating food complaints

He reported on the activities and outputs and the outcomes and impacts and the typical demands on the service which included for example, total food premises 812, total workplaces 1708 and total requests for service were 700.

Some of the work of interest included:

- National food hygiene rating scheme (FHRS)
- Business support
- Systems thinking
- Raceway facility
- Nuffield swimming pool incident
- West End Wines prosecution

It was reported that 73 per cent of businesses in the District had a 5 star food hygiene rating, 15 per cent had a 4 star 9 per cent a 3 star, 1 per cent a 2 star and 0.5 per cent with a 0 rating.

The Food and Safety Manager reported that the business support offered by the Council to food businesses when inspections were carried out had been

well received and the work undertaken by Environmental Health had been recognised nationally in the Environmental Health professional journal.

It was reported that in order to help businesses provide safe food, the way of working had been examined and it was found that inspections did not fully identify risks, letters were not being understood, the current system was not achieving customer purpose and more listening, less talking and observing more was needed.

Members were then shown slides of work which had been undertaken by Environmental Health which included:

- Raceway fatality 2011 (concluded late 2013)
- Nuffield Health
- West End Wines

The Food and Safety Manager also reported on workplace wellbeing at Sainsbury's in partnership with Staffordshire County Council. This was open to small and larger employers and a way to access the working population regarding getting across health messages.

Current and future issues included:

- Food fraud – new task force
- Campylobacter reduction
- FSA Code of Practice
- Regulators' Code
- HSW Intelligence
- Stress related illness

Members were then given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the presentation.

A Member raised concern with general meat products being imported from other countries and illegally imported 'bush meat'. He advised that food standards where this produce was derived was not the same as this Country and 'bush meat' could carry infectious diseases. He was keen to ensure that the District did not come into contact with illegal meat produce and asked why some food premises did not advertise that their produce was locally sourced.

It was reported that when inspections were carried out at food premises, invoices and orders were checked by Officers. With regard to 'bushmeat' the Head of Environmental Health reported that this type of meat came from non-domesticated mammals, reptiles and birds and Environmental Health was not aware of any problem with 'bushmeat' being imported within the District. He also explained that a business could make the claims of their produce being locally sourced if they wished.

In response to a question raised concerning the food hygiene rating scheme, the Food Safety Manager responded and advised that any premises where a

food hygiene rating score of below 3 was given, certain action would be taken. However, those food premises where a 3, 4 or 5 rating was received would put pressure on those premises with the low score. He did point out however, that there were very few in the District with a score below 3.

The Chairman was keen to know the number of food poisoning cases Environmental Health would deal with locally.

The Food and Safety Manager reported that between 100/150 individual cases were reported, although there had been unusually 2 outbreaks this year which involved a number of cases which were linked to local businesses.

A Councillor referred to a number of local business premises where there was both litter and cigarette ends on pavements which looked unsightly. He referred to the rules concerning smoke free workplaces and asked if there was any rule on the proximity between the business premises and the smoker and any emphasis on the owners to deal with this.

The Food and Safety Manager reported that although there were no rules on the proximity between the business premises and the smoker, some business premises did require that customers not smoke near entrances and that it was an offence to leave litter, including cigarette ends, in the street.

## **15. Work Programme Update**

Steve Shilvock, Head of Environmental Health distributed a copy of the updated Work Programme to Members of the Committee.

The Work Programme consisted of the following:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date Considered</u>
District Health Profile	4 August, 2014
District Health and Wellbeing Strategy	4 August, 2014
Public Health District Delivery Plan	4 August, 2014
Current Issues and Role of the Food and Safety Team	7 October, 2014
Langbourne Redevelopment – Update on Progress and Services to be Provided	11 November, 2014
Proposals for an Extra Care Scheme on the Aelfgar site	11 November, 2014
Well Active scheme with WLCT	11 November, 2014
Commissioning Partnership Proposals	11 November, 2014
District Alcohol Strategy	16 December, 2014
Social Alarms service	17 March, 2015
Consultations	Will be scheduled as they arise through the year

Steve Shilvock reported that Angela Schulp, District Commissioning Lead for Health and Social Care was keen to attend the next meeting of the Health and

Wellbeing Policy Development Committee to discuss the Langbourne redevelopment and proposals for an Extra Care Scheme on the Aelfgar site.

Members of the Committee were concerned that the Aelfgar proposals had not yet been through the Planning process and were therefore unsure that this should be placed on a future Agenda for discussion.

AGREED:

That the Updated Work Programme be noted.

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CHAIRMAN

(The meeting concluded at 5.00 p.m.).