

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HEALTH AND WELLBEING POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 24 MARCH, 2011 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Molineux, G.N. (Chairman)

Alcott, G. Yates, Ms. W.
Jones, R.

20. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. M.A. Davis, P. Gilbert, C.W.J. Morgan and Mr. J. Bletcher, South Staffs PCT.

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

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

22. Minutes

AGREED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 January, 2011 be approved as a correct record.

At this point the Chairman agreed to change the order of the Agenda.

23. Health and Wellbeing Priority Delivery Plan

Consideration was given to the Performance Outturn for Quarter 3.

The Head of Environmental Health reported that of the actions and indicators due for reporting at the end of Quarter 3 2010/11, none were rated red, 8 were rated green and 3 were rated amber. The amber ratings included Developing and Implementing a District Alcohol Harm reduction Strategy. It was reported that a draft had been produced however an action plan was required which would be produced in consultation with partners.

He referred to the Tobacco Control Initiative in partnership with South Staffordshire PCT (PCT) and advised that there had been a reduction in funding which meant the Service Level Agreement would now need to be revised and the process had moved to June/July.

A Member was keen to know what the Tobacco Control Initiative was. The Head of Environmental Health advised that the initiative was not just about smoking cessation but also about wider tobacco control issues. This includes measures to help control contraband tobacco, assisting employers with tobacco control policies, and promoting the Staffordshire "Breathe Easy" award.

The Head of Environmental Health indicated that certain staff members would be given brief intervention training. This would enable them to offer basic advice to employers and individuals, and refer them to specialist advice where necessary. It will be recommended that the Council signs up to the 'Breathe Easy' Award. The Award was a good opportunity for valuable health and wellbeing support to be provided to staff.

A Member referred to page 6 and raised concern that the PCT were receiving funding for projects such as the Tobacco Control Initiative and the development of a health and physical activity suite at Chase Leisure Centre, but these projects were not being implemented. The Head of Environmental Health explained that this was the gross risk contained in the risk matrix and was somewhat misleading. Next year the risk matrix would be simplified so that the actual risk was immediately apparent.

The Head of Environmental Health referred to page 6 and reported that the delay and reduction in provision with regard to the Tobacco Control Initiative was the same issue. He advised that there had been some delay regarding how the training would be funded. However, these matters had been resolved and delivery of the Initiative would still go ahead.

He then referred to page 8 and indicated that a site had been identified for a new cemetery in the Cannock area although it was privately owned. The site would require ground investigations, however at present the landowner would not allow the Council onto the site.

A Member advised the Committee that part of the Council's golf course was originally purchased and intended for use as a cemetery. However faults were identified particularly with regard to the roads and open space, although the land had been considered fine to be used by British Coal.

24. Supplies and Internal Trading Costs and Air Quality Monitoring Figures

Air Quality Monitoring Figures

The Head of Environmental Health referred to the Cannock Chase Air Quality Monitoring Results and gave an overview of the information supplied to the Committee.

A Member was keen to know what could be put in place to try and alleviate the pollution problems around the A5 and Stile Cop, Rugeley. The Head of Environmental Health advised the Committee that the air quality management area ran from the A5 to the Churchbridge area. He stated that ideas were being considered to try and bring the

pollution back within the national limits.

Supplies and Internal Trading Costs

The Head of Environmental Health referred to the Supplies and Internal Trading Costs and provided an overview of the information supplied to the Committee.

A Member referred to the Internal Trading costs and queried the significant amount of money being spent in respect of the Partnership Development Unit (0144). The Head of Environmental Health advised that the service was part of the Chief Executive's area and the expenditure consisted of posts and time.

The Member then referred to the Internal Trading in respect of the Deputy Chief Executive (G20P) and was keen to see a breakdown on how the finance was allocated. He also queried the Chadsmoor-Locality Working (D628) and asked for clarification of what it was.

The Head of Environmental Health indicated that he would speak with the Finance Section and supply further information to the Committee.

AGREED:

- (A) That, with regard to Internal Trading costs a breakdown of how finance was allocated in respect of (G20P) Deputy Chief Executive be supplied to the Committee.
- (B) That information on (D628) Chadsmoor-Locality Working be supplied to the Committee.

25. Langbourne Development

The Chairman welcomed Angela Schulp and Phil Brennan to the meeting to discuss the Langbourne Development.

Ms. Schulp reported that the site was previously occupied by two residential homes and a proposal was in place to re-develop it. She explained that both the Langbourne and Hillcroft developments would be multi usage and would be similar to the Vine Court Extra Care scheme. It was hoped that the community unit for learning disabilities currently based at White Lodge, Cannock would re-locate and office accommodation would be incorporated into the new development. She explained that intermediate care beds would be incorporated as part of the scheme and an assistive technology suite would be made available.

She explained that the Project Group consisted of a number of people including a representative from the District Council, the voluntary sector, Partnership Officer and a number of GPs had been asked to consider joining the group.

Mr. Brennan explained that he was project managing this development and also provided advice on a further 11 projects. He provided the Committee with information on financial modelling, how funding from other sectors would help and how projects needed to revolve around community hubs.

He then referred to a concept plan which was circulated to Members of the Committee. He provided information on where the 2 developments would be located and It was hoped that the way in which the development would be planned would help avoid a gated community.

Mr. Brennan indicated that there would be reablement space, a respite area which would enable short stays for up to 6 weeks and on site facilities which would include multifunctional rooms and a café. He explained that the flats on site would have their own private space and security, and would be able to access all on site facilities and residents would also have 24 hours per day care and support if needed.

It was reported that the Ivy House site would be used for building general purpose housing which would be used as supported living accommodation for people with certain needs.

He advised that the business case was currently being finalised and pre-planning advice had been received with regard to any restrictions the development may have. The proposals would next need to go through the Gateway approval process and then the procurement stage to find a Registered Social Landlord and development partner. And it was hoped that the project would be complete and operational by the middle of 2014.

The Chairman asked how many properties there would be on the new development. Mr. Brennan referred to the concept plan and advised that there would be 56 units which would be available either for rent or shared ownership. The development would be close to Cannock Town Centre and all other amenities in order that people would not be isolated. It was hoped that restrictions to the scheme would be imposed through certain planning conditions in order to restrict the scheme to Cannock residents only.

Mr. Brennan highlighted a number of similar schemes which included Lichfield, Staffordshire, Stone and Bridgtown although many of the schemes were gated communities. He commented that a scheme in Madeley, Newcastle had recently been built and offered Members the opportunity to visit the scheme.

AGREED:

That a visit to the sheltered scheme in Madeley, Newcastle be arranged.

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.