

Chairman - Councillor A P Edgeller

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

A G Cooper

A D Hobbs

P A Leason

D M McNaughton

L Nixon

J Thorley

Also in attendance:- Councillor J Hood

Officers in attendance:-

T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
G Whitehouse	-	Head of Regulatory Services
S Taylor	-	Housing Assistance, Health and Leisure Service Manager
H Smith	-	Strategic Housing and Homelessness Service Manager
L Booth	-	Streetscene Manager
V Cooper	-	Partnerships Manager
O Greatbatch	-	Community Safety and Partnerships Manager
J Allen	-	Democratic Services Officer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Councillor A P Edgeller reported that she had been on a site visit to the Four Ashes Veolia site and encouraged others to do so. Information was circulated regarding Food Hygiene Inspections.

CWB22 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2024, as previously circulated, were approved as a correct record.

CWB23 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J A Barron and M Phillips.

Apologies were also received from J Presland, Head of Operations and A Nevin, Head of Wellbeing.

CWB24 Councillor A P Edgeller - Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor A P Edgeller gave a verbal update on matters considered by the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Minutes of the County Council's Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28 October 2024 were circulated with the agenda. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2024 were tabled.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the verbal report be noted.

CWB25 Health Inequalities Projects (Presentation)

S Taylor delivered a presentation providing members with an update of the Health Inequalities Projects. This was followed by a question and answer session.

Items discussed included:

- Right Stuff Boxing in three schools in Staffordshire - Alleynes, Weston Road and Graham Balfour. Schools have committed to the scheme for at least three years.
- Work to properties was both internal and external. Worked in partnership with Housing Plus where appropriate.
- Changes to legislation regarding single use vapes and advertising of vapes.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the contents of the presentation be noted.

CWB26 Homelessness Strategy (Presentation)

H Smith provided a summary of the Homelessness Strategy. This was followed by a question and answer session.

Items discussed included:

- It was noted that some properties remain empty for several months before being occupied. Some works to properties are done prior to new tenants moving in. 75% of the voids are made available for people at risk of becoming homeless.
- Some people are unable to budget. Support is available via a Supportive Communities Workshop referral via adult social care.
- The biggest cohort of homelessness in Stafford is the 25-35 age group.

- It was noted that the term “sofa-surfing” is known as “living with family and friends”.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the contents of the presentation be noted.

CWB27 Work Programme

Considered a report presenting the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee’s work programme.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the work programme be noted.

CHAIR