

## EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### SCRUTINY (COMMUNITY REGENERATION, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH AND WELL BEING) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being) Committee in virtual environment on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

#### **Present:**

Councillors A Clarke (Chairman), Mrs P L Ackroyd, L Beech, Mrs B Brady, Mrs V J Gould, R G W Grosvenor, P Hudson, Mrs J A Killoran, G Lamb, Ms A J Legg, M Metcalfe, G Raybould, P Walker and C D Wileman and County Councillor B G Peters.

#### **Officers Present:**

The Communities and Open Spaces Manager, the Programmes and Transformation Team Leader and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

#### 91/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

#### 92/20 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

#### 93/20 **MINUTES**

##### **Resolved:**

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 be approved as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion Councillor</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
A Clarke		
Mrs P L Ackroyd		
L Beech		
Mrs V J Gould		
P Hudson		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
M Metcalfe		
P Walker		
C D Wileman		

At this juncture Councillors Mrs B Brady, R G W Grosvenor and G Raybould joined the meeting.

Councillor David Williams (Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Staffordshire County Council) attended the meeting to provide an update to the Committee on the subjects of drains and localised flooding.

Councillor Williams agreed to provide a written response to the questions submitted in advance of the meeting, which would then be circulated to all members of the Committee.

The Committee noted that Councillor Williams had been appointed Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport approximately 4 months earlier and subsequently some changes had been made within the Highways department. Councillor Williams had requested fellow County Councillors highlight to him any specific areas within their wards where there were known issues with drainage and/or flooding. 500 known issues had been raised from around the County, although not all of these issues were the responsibility of the County Council (for example, due to the geography/topography of the land or the responsibility of Severn Trent Water). Councillor Williams assured the Committee that the County Council were now looking at the 500 known issues around the County and working to assess these as soon as possible.

Councillors noted that, in the past, a cyclical gully cleaning arrangement had been in place and that the team were in the process of strengthening and redesigning this work, basing the programme on data retrieved from gully cleansing (i.e. measurement of silt). The Committee noted that the County Council were looking at ways to alert local ward Members of when gully cleansing would be taking place, so that this information could be communicated to local residents. If any cars were found to be hindering the gully cleansing in a specific area, Amey had also been asked to carry out door knocking of local properties, to ask residents to move their cars.

Councillor Williams highlighted that the workflow procedure for logging issues had been improved, with updates on requests being provided to the individual logging an issue, including local Members being informed of any work being carried out in that area. Individuals reporting an issue would receive a personal specific response, rather than an automated message. If further work was required, then the individual who raised the incident would continue to be updated accordingly.

An opportunity for questions followed.

Councillors were encouraged to raise any concerns regarding drainage and localised flooding with their local County Councillor.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Williams for his informative presentation and attendance at the meeting.

**NOTED.**

Councillor G Lamb presented the report on Sports Development and Leisure Provision. The Chairman thanked Councillor Lamb and members of the sub group for their work in putting together the report.

**Resolved:**

That the final report on the scrutiny review of Sports Development and Leisure Provision be approved.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion Councillor</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
A Clarke		
Mrs P L Ackroyd		
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
Mrs V J Gould		
R G W Grosvenor		
P Hudson		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
M Metcalfe		
G Raybould		
C D Wileman		

The Committee received an update on the review of Supporting and Engaging with Community Groups.

At this juncture Councillor P Walker re-joined the meeting.

The Chairman asked members of the Committee to consider topics for future review. He indicated that the following topics had previously been proposed: The role of the Mayor within the Community; Drains, Localised Flooding and Potholes; Monitoring of Climate Change and Air Quality; Cycle Lanes, Local Adoption and Access. He requested that the committee consider the review topic of engaging with residents to produce better recycling as a future review topic. Councillor P Hudson indicated that the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee were currently carrying out a review of Waste Management Services.

**Resolved:**

That the next topic for a scrutiny review, be on the subject of waste management and would be in partnership with Members of the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion Councillor</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
A Clarke		
Mrs P L Ackroyd		
L Beech		
Mrs B Brady		
Mrs V J Gould		
R G W Grosvenor		
P Hudson		
Mrs J A Killoran		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
M Metcalfe		

Those voting for the motion Councillor	Those voting against	Those abstaining
G Raybould		
P Walker		
C D Wileman		

The following Councillors were appointed to the sub group for this review: Councillors A Clarke; G Lamb; Ms A J Legg and C D Wileman.

**NOTED.**

96/20 **CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT 2020/21 – QUARTER 2**

The report of the Head of Service (Sal Khan) on the update on progress at the end of the second quarter of the 2020/21 financial year towards achieving the “Community Regeneration” and “Environment and Health & Well Being” priorities set out in East Staffordshire Borough Council’s Corporate Plan was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Contains comprehensive data on all Corporate Indicators;
- Appendix 2: Contains data for Quarter 2 2020/21 from the benchmarking exercise coordinated by East Staffordshire Borough Council.

Councillors noted that out of the total 109 targets, 27 contributed to the “Community Regeneration” Corporate priority and of these 27 targets, 23 were green; 1 was amber; 0 were red status; 2 had been deferred and 1 was not yet due to be reported. Of the 24 live targets, 95.83% were green; 4.17% were amber and 0% were red status. Out of the total 109 targets, 26 contributed to the “Environment and Health and Well Being” Corporate Priority and of these 26 targets, 19 were green, 1 was amber; 0 were red status; 4 had been deferred and 2 were not yet due to be reported. Of the 20 live targets for the “Environment and Health and Well Being” Corporate Priority 95% were green; 5% were amber and 0% were red status.

At this juncture County Councillor B G Peters left the meeting.

**NOTED.**

97/20 **EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

Councillors received for information a list of public Executive Decision Records.

**NOTED.**

98/20 **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been received prior to the meeting.

99/20 **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed that the next meetings take place as follows:  
27<sup>th</sup> January 2021;  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**NOTED.**

100/20 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Resolved:**

That, in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.