

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Scrutiny (East Staffordshire Health) Committee held in the Coltman VC Room at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Wednesday 23rd March 2016.

Present:

Councillors S Smith (Chairman), R J Clarke, S Dyche, Cllr J Killoran, Mrs S McGarry, Mrs L Shelton and County Councillor C Wileman

Officers Present:

The Communities & Open Spaces Manager (Michael Hovers)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs R Carlton and Mrs S McKiernan.

34/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

35/16 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

36/16 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business brought to the committee pursuant to Rule 12.

37/16 **UPDATE ON IMPROVING LIVES**

Resolved:

That this item be deferred to a future Extraordinary Meeting of the Committee.

38/16 **COMMUNITY PHARMACY 2016-17 AND BEYOND**

Mr Peter Prokopa (Chief Operations Officer LPC) attended the meeting to give an update to Councillors. A briefing note on Community Pharmacy 2016/17 and beyond had been circulated previously with the agenda for the meeting.

Councillors noted that in 2015 the government announced funding for community pharmacy in late 16/17 would be cut by £170m – a reduction of more than 6% in cash terms. As a result a consultation began on the proposed changes to the Community Pharmacy, this consultation was with the Pharmacy Service Negotiating Committee, other Pharmacy and non pharmacy bodies (including patient and public representatives). It was noted that the proposed cut of 6% would be delayed until October 2016 and that the Consultation on proposals had now been extended to May 24th 2016.

Councillors noted the impact of the proposals, with the remote supply of prescription medicines not being seen as something accessible to older people and vulnerable people.

An opportunity for questions followed.

The results of the consultation would be circulated to Councillors once available.

NOTED.

39/16 **STANDING ITEM – QUEEN’S HOSPITAL**

Councillors noted the update report provided by Councillor Mrs S McKiernan, which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

NOTED.

40/16 **WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

Members received an update on the work programme.

It was agreed that Councillors S Dyche, Mrs S McKiernan and Mrs L Shelton review Mental Health.

NOTED.

41/16 **COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTHY STAFFORDSHIRE SELECT COMMITTEE UPDATE AND ACCOUNTABILITY SESSIONS**

Councillors received an update from the Chairman and the County Council representative.

NOTED.

42/16 **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions received prior to the meeting for answer by the Leader, Deputy Leader or Officer of the Council.

43/16 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting take place on 22nd June 2016 at 6.30pm in the Coltman VC room at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent.

Chairman