

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

21 March 2019

7.00 pm 9.24 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

Councillor Mattie Ross (Chair)	P	Councillor Gill Oxley	A
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Nigel Prenter	A
Councillor Gordon Craig	A	Councillor Sue Reed	P
Councillor John Jones	P	Councillor Steve Robinson	P
Councillor Darren Loftus	P	Councillor Brian Tipper	A
Councillor Karen McKeown	P	Councillor Ken Tucker	P

P = Present A = Absent

Other Councillor(s) present

Councillors Cornell, Lydon and Marjoram.

Officers Present

Chief Executive	Head of Community Services
Director of Customer Services	Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator
Accountant	Museum Manager
Senior Youth Officer	Democratic Services Officer

Also Present

Helen March the Chairperson for Stroud District Youth Council (SDYC) and Thomas Haynes Principal Member for Democracy representing SDYC.

Chair and members paid tribute to the Director of Customer Service who was attending her last meeting of the Committee for her support to both the Committee and to the Council since her appointment in 2000.

CSLC.043 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Craig, Oxley and Prenter.

CSLC.044 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CSLC.045 **MINUTES – 6 DECEMBER 2018**

RESOLVED **That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 December 2018 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

CSLC.046 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None Received.

CSLC.047 **MEMBER REPORTS**(b) **County Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor Lydon referred Members to the three scrutiny reports distributed prior to the Committee and urged Councillors to read the links associated with each of the reports. The January report highlighted the shortage of radiographers and raised concerns about urgent care hospital walk-in services. The accident and emergency service was performing below the Government Target at only 84%. The acute hospital services were heading for a £29.1 million deficit for 2018/19.

There had been opposition from hospital consultants on the proposal to move some emergency operations from Gloucester to Cheltenham; 60 consultants had formally written to object to the suggestion.

Councillor Lydon reported on the discussions in Adult Care Services where service users were no longer in support of 'direct payments'. The Public Health Service had been transferred from the NHS to the County Council and advised that the contract for non-urgent transport service would no longer be provided by Arriva.

CSLC.048 **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING BUDGET MONITORING REPORT Q3 2018/19**

The Accountant introduced the report and advised the final outturn will be reported to Strategy and Resources in May 2019. The Accountant referred to paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Budget monitoring report and highlighted a projected net underspend of £404k. Paragraph 14 addresses the Capital Budget and refers to the decision Stratford Park Lido would be re-profiled to 2019/2020.

In response to questions from Members the Accountant commented that The Pulse, which was showing the largest budget variance, was exceeding targets in all areas. Underspends on other budget headings included savings on staff costs through vacancies and restructurings.

It was confirmed that the new structure for the Neighbourhood Warden Service was in place following a successful recruitment process of a Senior Neighbourhood Warden and a Neighbourhood Warden. In addition to this recruitment and due to cancellation of an external contract one further Neighbourhood Warden has been recruited. Therefore the establishment of the Neighbourhood Warden Service is now six wardens and one senior warden. Details of the wardens' areas by parish and town council were being prepared and would be circulated.

RESOLVED **To note the outturn forecast for the General Fund Revenue budget and the Capital programme for this Committee.**

CSLC.049 YOUTH SERVICE PRESENTATION

Members received a powerpoint presentation from the Senior Youth Officer and two members of the Stroud District Youth Council (SDYC). They set out their mission statement to be an active voice for the 12,500, 11 to 18 year olds in the district. There are 9 Local Youth Forum Groups now established all playing an active role in their communities and have been involved in a number of consultation exercises, including environmental issues and community safety.

The presentation highlighted the partnerships with schools and Parish/Town Councils. It also included future projects, initiatives, SDYC engagement and participation statistics.

In response to questions from Members it was noted that travel and transportation was a challenge for young people living in some of the more rural villages however the District Council's Minibus is used to help provide access.

The Chair thanked the Youth Council for their presentation.

RESOLVED To note the presentation.

CSLC.050 MUSEUM IN THE PARK PRESENTATION

Members received a powerpoint presentation from the Museum Manager on the Museums Forward Plan and its link to the Council's priorities. One of the main themes was to 'provide a Museum service that encourages engagement, ensuring the Museum in the Park was an important community focal point'.

The Museum Manager reported that visitor's numbers to the Museum had continued to increase. Gross income generated was showing an 18% increase on the previous year. The Walled Garden Project had been a great success; 45 volunteers had given 4300 voluntary hours demonstrating the strong volunteer space.

The Museum was involved with local organisations in developing Health and Wellbeing Activities, the work with Art Lift was now part of the Museum's core programme.

RESOLVED To note the verbal update.

CSLC.051 HEALTH AND WELLBEING PRESENTATION

Members received a powerpoint presentation from the Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator on the draft priorities for the new 2019-2022 Health and Wellbeing Board Plan. The Plan looked at what makes people healthy and what the District Council does for Health and Wellbeing. The plan set out five key priorities; supporting healthy lifestyles, developing stronger communities, improving housing, protecting the public and environment and partnering health, social care and the voluntary sector.

In response to questions from Members it was noted that there were issues around mental health which were being addressed county wide, there was also a project with mental health champions to upskill volunteers who could signpost individuals to appropriate services.

RESOLVED To note the verbal update.

CSLC.052 **MEMBER REPORTS**(a) The Subscription Rooms Update and Monitoring Activity

Councillor Robinson gave an update on the transfer of services to the Town Council. A new booking system was being introduced and the Director of Customer Services confirmed that the old ICT Systems were being decommissioned.

(c) Museum in the Park

Councillor Marjoram, adding to the earlier presentation commented that the Museum was a brilliant place to visit and encouraged Members to do so.

(d) Police and Crime Panel

Councillor Robinson reported that with effect from March 31 Gloucestershire Police will have their own Motorway Police and Armed Response and Dog Unit, this is a result of the force withdrawing from the tri-service arrangement.

There had been concerns about the current provider of Probation Services and that the Magistrates Courts were losing trust in the provider of the service.

(e) Gfirst LEP – Visitor Economy/Tourism Business Group

Councillor Craig had given his apologies for the meeting therefore a briefing report would follow.

(f) Performance Monitoring

Councillor John Jones advised Members that there were no issues to report and asked the Head of Community Services for the Community Safety Partnership minutes to be circulated to the Committee.

CSLC.053 **OUTSIDE BODIES APPOINTMENT TO KINGSHILL HOUSE TRUST**

RESOLVED **To note Councillor Trevor Hall's appointment on the above outside body.**

CSLC.054 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.24 pm.

Chair