

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

5 September 2019

7.00 pm – 8.40 pm.

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

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

P = Present A = Absent

Other Councillor(s) present

Councillors Cornell and Lydon.

Officers Present

Head of Community Services	Revenue & Benefits Manager
Accountant	Community Health & Wellbeing Manager
Democratic Services & Elections Officer	

External Officers Present

Martin Surl, Police and Crime Commissioner and Sarah Blake, Gloucestershire Inspector (Stroud District).

CSLC.012 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Loftus, Robinson and Tipper.

CSLC.013 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CSLC.014 MINUTES – 30 MAY 2019

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 May 2019 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CSLC.015 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None Received.

CSLC.016 MEMBER REPORTS**(b) County Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee**

Under the new Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee, public health and adult social care no longer fall under this Committee remit and instead fall under a new Community Scrutiny Committee where there is no district representation.

Councillor Lydon referred to the 'Fit for Future' which is a consultation document on urgent care, which included the minor injury units, A&E and neurology. Councillor Lydon recommended that the Council submit a response as there would be a concern for the future of the minor injury units in Stroud and Dursley. The consultation closes on 14 October 2019.

Councillor Lydon outlined some of the other key issues, which include; ongoing issues to obtain an appointment with their GP due to waiting lists, current and future staffing, pressure on pharmacies, national shortage of radiographers and the merger of Gloucestershire Care Services with the Together Trust which will increase pressure on services in Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.

Finally, the Stroke Unit in Dursley, which is able to provide specialist care, has received very positive feedback.

CSLC.017 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ANNUAL UPDATE

Members received an annual verbal update from the Police and Crime Commissioner who also answered member's questions. He advised Committee that he is not intending to close Stroud or Dursley Police Station and the new training centre at Berkeley Green is due to open spring next year.

The priorities of the Police and Crime Plan have maintained the same since 2013 with two additional commitments added following a recent refresh of the plan, these being 'a compassionate approach' and 'a green and pleasant county'.

RESOLVED To note the verbal update.

CSLC.018 COMMUNITY SERVICES & LICENSING BUDGET MONITORING REPORT Q1 2019/20

The Accountant introduced the above report and advised of a projected under spend of £106k against the latest budget for this Committee and an overall position report will be going to Strategy and Resources Committee in October 2019.

The Accountant advised that for the next Committee Meeting in November, along with the Budget Setting Report a report on Budget Monitoring for Q2 will also be presented.

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

CSLC.019 HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN 2019-2021

The Community Health and Wellbeing Manager introduced the above report and provided an overview of the changes following consultation and incorporating data that

was previously not available at the time of drafting the plan. It was advised that the service had undergone a restructure and the creation of a new delivery post was created specifically to target and implement family physical activity with young people in conjunction with the young people the service already works with.

A £130,000 grant has been received from Health to resurface the Nailsworth to Stroud cycle track following a recent survey which identified people with mobility issues who cannot safely navigate the track. The Community Health and Wellbeing Manager advised she would circulate the feedback report following the consultation. Councillor Edmunds raised asked if the cycle track between Stonehouse to Gloucester could be considered.

The first Stratford Park Parkrun, Stroud was held on 31 August 2019 with 134 people participating for its launch which included 1 Councillor and 40 staff members.

Councillor Edmunds asked for an update on the Strengthening Local Communities Project based at Forest Green Rovers. The Community Health and Wellbeing Manager advised that an interim report would be ready to circulate in October 2019.

RESOLVED To approve the content of the Health and Wellbeing Plan now that it has been re-drafted in response to public consultation.

CSLC.020 WORK PROGRAMME

Councillor Ross advised Committee that there had been a few amendments to the Work Programme, these included the following:

Added to November Committee (new reports)

- Budget Monitoring Report 2019/20 Q2
- Future of Community Grants Scheme
- Youth Strategy

Added to January Committee

- Director of Public Health Update (from September Committee)
- Revised Proposal Street Trading Policy (from September Committee)

Added to March Committee

- Neighbourhood Warden & Careline Service (from November Committee)
- Museum in the Park Update (from January Committee)

CSLC.021 MEMBER REPORTS

(a) Youth Service Task and Finish Group

Councillor Ross presented on behalf of the appointed Members and advised that the group are intending to bring the revised Youth Strategy to Committee in November. The group have received responses from Parish and Town Councils and schools which had been positive.

(c) Museum in the Park

Councillor Prenter advised that there has only been one meeting would provide a more thorough update at the next Committee Meeting. He continued and explained that he was impressed with the management and efficiency of the team, the number of schools and

visitors were consistent and that the museum are currently working on producing interactive displays and improving methods of locating items.

The Head of Community Services reiterated the comments of Councillor Prenter and advises Committee that the Museum had been awarded a 5 star Accessibility Rating.

(d) Police and Crime Panel

Councillor Ross circulated the minutes from the last Police and Crime Panel prior to the meeting and advised Committee that if they wanted to raise any concerns to let her know as the panel are due to meet on Friday 13 September 2019.

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

Councillor Craig explained there has only been one meeting which he was not able to attend and the Group are due to meet within the next week, he would therefore send a written report for the next Committee Meeting. Councillor Craig advised that the Group would merge with a retail group that operated at GFirst LEP.

Councillor Craig advised that he is an appointed representative for the Citizens Advice Bureau and whether Members would like him to bring reports for future Committees.

(f) Performance Monitoring

Councillor Reed presented the report and thanked officers who had contributed. Whilst there is a process in place, more quantitative data would be beneficial for performance monitoring. Councillor Reed explained that to gain a better understanding of The Pulse, she intended to meet with the General Manager.

CSLC.022 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chair