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Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor T. Munro in the Chair

Councillors T. Alexander, A. Anderson, P. Barnes, R.J. Bowler, P.M. Bowmer, G. Buxton, T. Cannon, T. J. Connerton, C. P. Cooper, P. Cooper, M.G. Crane, M.J. Dooley, S.W. Fritchley, H.J. Gilmour, R. Heffer, A. Joesbury, B.R. Murray-Carr, S. Peake, K. Reid, J.E. Smith, P. Smith, E. Stevenson, A.M. Syrett, K.F. Walker, B. Watson, D.S. Watson.

Officers:-

D. Swaine (Chief Executive Officer), L. Hickin (Strategic Director - People), K. Hanson (Strategic Director - Place), S. Sternberg (Joint Head of Service for Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer), D. Clarke (Joint Head of Service – Finance and Revenues & Benefits), P. Campbell (Joint Head of Service – Housing and Community Safety), Nicola Calver (Governance Manager) and D. Bonser (Housing Needs Manager – Housing and Community Safety).

0532. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. E. Bennet, J. A. Clifton, D. McGregor, C. Moesby, J. Ritchie, R. Turner and J. Wilson.

0533. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at this meeting.

0534. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor T. Munro, welcomed to the meeting the iVenture Choir from Stubbin Wood School who performed for Members of Council their renditions of 'I wish it could be Christmas' and 'Jingle Bells'. Members of Council thanked the Choir for their attendance and delightful entertainment.

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0535. QUESTIONS

No questions were submitted to this Meeting of Council from either the public under Rule 8 or Members under Rule 9 of the Council Procedure Rules.

0536. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business considered at the meeting.

0537. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th November 2018 as set out in pages 5-11 of the agenda pack.

Proposed by Councillor S. W. Fritchley and seconded by Councillor M. Dooley

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th November 2018 be approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

0538. MOTIONS

In regard to Council Procedure Rule 10 Members gave consideration to Motions on notice from Members.

- 1) Breaking point campaign – to consider the following motion from Councillor A. M. Syrett and Seconded by Councillor B. Watson

This Council resolves to:

- *Support the 'Breaking Point' Campaign, recognising the devastating impact that austerity has had on our local community; and*
- *Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government setting out the funding pressures faced by our local Council and calling on the Government to truly end austerity in Local Government.*

Proposed by Councillor A. M. Syrett and Seconded by Councillor B. Watson

RESOLVED that

- 1) the breaking point campaign be supported, recognising the devastating impact that austerity has had on the local community; and
- 2) the Leader of the Council be requested to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, The Prime Minister, and the Secretary of State for

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Housing, Communities and Local Government setting out funding pressures faced by Bolsover District and calling on the Government to truly end austerity.

(Chief Executive Officer)

- 2) Parental Leave Policy - to consider the following motion from Councillor A. M. Syrett and Seconded by Councillor B. Watson

This Council resolves:

- To approve in principle the adoption of the parental leave policy drafted by the LGA Labour Group women's taskforce to give all Councillors an entitlement to parental leave after giving birth or adopting subject to any necessary changes to the Constitution and Members Allowance Scheme.*

Proposed by Councillor A. M. Syrett and Seconded by Councillor B. Watson

RESOLVED that it be approved in principle the adoption of the Parental Leave Policy drafted by the LGA Labour Group Women's Task Force to give all Councillors an entitlement to parental leave after giving birth or adopting subject to the necessary changes in the Constitution and Members Allowance Scheme.

(Monitoring Officer)

0539. RECOMMENDED ITEMS

a) Appointment to outside bodies – Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Members gave consideration to a report of the Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer requesting Council to consider appointments to the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Audit Committee and Scrutiny Committee.

In June 2018 the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority passed a resolution which allowed for substitute Members to sit on its Audit Committee and Scrutiny Committee. The protocol drawn up by the Committees determined that up to three substitute Members may be named for each substantive Member. Due to the high quorum of these Committees, the combined Authority's new arrangements would allow greater flexibility and the opportunity for the substitute Members to attend if the substantive Member should be unavailable. At its previous meeting of Council this matter was referred to Budget Scrutiny Committee to give it full consideration and to make recommendations. The recommendation made by the Committee was for the following Members to act as substitutes: Councillors T. Munro, P. Smith and J. Wilson

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Proposed by Councillor J. Smith and seconded by Councillor B. Watson

RESOLVED that:

- 1) three substitute Members be appointed to the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority Audit Committee and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2018/19 Municipal year; and
- 2) Councillors T. Munro, P. Smith and J. Wilson be duly appointed as per the recommendation of Budget Scrutiny Committee.

(Governance Manger)

0540. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Chairman welcomed Dean Wallace Director of Public Health from Derbyshire County Council to the Meeting to give an update and overview on Population Health and Wellbeing within Bolsover District.

He advised the Council that less than 10 % of the population's health and wellbeing was linked to access to healthcare and that health was influenced far more by employment, education, environmental factors, social networks and behaviour. Therefore factors such as our surroundings, the homes we live in, where we work, our behaviour and the opportunities afforded to us all have a major impact on average life expectancy, with a gap between the most and least deprived areas in the UK being 19 years.

Members noted that the average life expectancy in Bolsover was significantly lower than the country, region and England with Bolsover men expecting to live to 77.6 and Bolsover Women to live to 81.4. Even within Bolsover there was a gap of 5.8 years for Men within the least and most deprived areas compared to 4.8 years for women.

Mr Wallace defined a 'Healthy Life Expectancy' as the amount of time a person could live with good health. Within Derbyshire, the gap between those living in the most and least deprived areas was around 13.5 years. Nationally, men within the most deprived areas could expect to live to 22.1 years in less-than-good health compared to 12.8 years for those within the least deprived areas. For women in the most deprived areas, the time spent in poor health was even greater. Derbyshire County Council were working with Public services with the aim to reduce the time spent in poor health through preventative methods such as improving housing and increasing income levels.

A direct correlation had been shown between levels of deprivation and the percentage of people living with limiting long term illness or disability. Without access to suitable mainstream financial services, residents paid more and had less choice and with weekly earnings averaging £60 less in Bolsover compared to Derbyshire thus leading

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to financial exclusion impacting not only income but education, health, employment, housing and overall wellbeing.

Education was a strong predictor for overall wellbeing, and children from deprived backgrounds were more at risk of poorer development. Derbyshire compared poorly to England GCSE attainment and less than half of Children within Bolsover District achieved 5 GCSE's at A-C (2015-16).

Smoking remained the most prevalent cause of preventable ill health and premature mortality within the UK; 70% of adults within the Bolsover District were estimated to smoke, which was higher than average, but consistently falling. Also, excess weight was a major determinant of premature mortality and avoidable ill health with 70.7% of adults within Bolsover District being overweight or obese.

The Bolsover Partnership structure was in place as one of the most active in the Country. Each section of the partnership structure determined its own priorities in areas such as community safety, health and wellbeing, housing, environment, tourism and employment and skills. To date £232,390 had been invested in Bolsover Public Health supporting 5,466 Bolsover residents in taking part in local projects and services with a social return investment of £10.64 of every £1 invested.

In regard to mental health, Members queried the relationship between Social Media and the numbers of young people suffering with depression. Mr Wallace confirmed that a lot of research had been undertaken around this matter with results still emerging that showed that Social Media created a culture around bullying. Work was underway to consider how this could be addressed which included options such as mental health advisors going into schools or additional training for school nurses.

Within the presentation the Strategic Director - People provided some figures in regard to facility usage of The Arc Leisure Centre which showed a massive impact on the people attending and accessing Leisure Services with the hope that this would start to mitigate some of the factors explained within the presentation and have an impact on those living within the Bolsover District. It was acknowledged that the facility would benefit those living more locally to the centre and work was underway to create a greater impact across the District as a whole. A workshop was hosted around behavioural change to focus time on a piece of work supported by local bodies to undertake some detailed work on capability, opportunity and motivation. It was felt that this would be a proactive approach with the opportunity to do some joint working with partners to target those who needed the most assistance and further information would be brought forward to Members at the appropriate time.

Details were given around the 'Daily Mile' initiative taking place in schools. Members expressed that employers should be encouraged to help, and urged officers and Public Health to support employers with this initiative.

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Councillor S.W. Fritchley queried how mental health statistics compared with 60 years previous and whether there were any determining factors. Mr Wallace advised that the figures provided were based on modelling by Public Health and discussed causes of short periods of depression or anxiety. In the past these low level mental shocks may have been managed through social circles and family support. Nowadays residents may feel more able to access help from medical professionals and to be prescribed medication.

The Leader of the Council expressed a sincere thanks to Mr Wallace for his presentation and the information within. Bolsover District Council took the health of the residents of the District very seriously and have supported many initiatives in recent years to help in areas such as housing, environment and leisure. Despite the hard work put in, the figures in the presentation were less than favourable and all Members pledged their support to the work of Public Health and the work achieved by the Council to address the health of the District.

Proposed by Councillor T Munro, seconded by Councillor A.M Syrett

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

0541. CHAIRMANS CLOSING REMARKS

Members were asked to remain at the closure of the Council Meeting for a presentation on Homelessness and the new legislation.

Meeting concluded at 1058 hours