

HEALTHY, SAFE, CLEAN AND GREEN COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne, on Friday 1st June 2018 at 1300 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor S. Peake in the Chair

Councillors D. Bullock, T. Cannon, J.A. Clifton, Mrs P.A. Cooper, C.R. Moesby, T. Munro (from during Minute No. 0051), P. Smith (left during Minute No. 0051) and K.F. Walker.

Officers:- J. Wilson (Scrutiny & Elections Officer) and A. Bluff (Governance Officer).

The Chair welcomed Councillors J.A. Clifton and P. Smith to the meeting who were new Members on the Committee.

0046. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

0047. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to consider.

0048. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

0049. MINUTES – 1ST MAY 2018

Moved by Councillor K.F. Walker and seconded by Councillor P.A. Cooper
RESOLVED that the Minutes of a Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 1st May 2018 be approved as a true record.

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0050. LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

Committee considered the List of Key Decisions and items to be considered in private document.

Members were advised that a decision notice in relation to the item dated for the 21st May 2018 Executive had previously been sent to all Members of the Council.

Moved by Councillor C.R. Moesby an seconded by Councillor S. Peake

RESOLVED that the List of Key Decisions and Items to be considered in Private document be noted.

0051. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2018/19

Committee considered a report which informed Members of the Committee's meeting programme for 2018/19 and planned agenda items. A list of topics discussed at the annual Scrutiny Conference held in April 2018 was also attached to the report for further consideration by Members.

Out of the long list of topics presented in Appendix 2a to the report, Members discussed the topics they felt were a higher priority.

Two topics had been suggested by the Youth Council;

Review of Mental Health Services for Young People

It was noted that this topic had not scored highly at Scrutiny Conference.

Members had felt that this topic was beyond the scope of the Committee to be able to have an impact as Members were aware that this was an area that Derbyshire County Council delivered on and a lot of activity was being undertaken.

Review of the Perception of Young People

It was noted that this topic had scored highly at Scrutiny Conference.

The Youth Council had undertaken a piece of work on this subject and a summary of this was attached to the report at Appendix 2b for Members information.

The Scrutiny and Elections Officer suggested that some areas the Committee could investigate on this topic was an understanding of the Council's protocols regarding customer services and young people. For example, the Elections team's interaction with schools in relation to democracy and also Environmental Health officers who went into schools to deliver educational presentations on recycling and street cleansing etc.

The Chair noted that the Youth Council would be attending the Council meeting on 20th June to provide a presentation to Members and the Committee could take the opportunity

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to ask Youth Councillors questions at the meeting by devising a set of questions in advance as part of a review.

Members felt that this would be a good area for a scrutiny review.

Review of Council's Approach to Open Water Safety

It was noted that this topic had scored highly at Scrutiny Conference. Open water safety was becoming more notable and was being raised at Health and Safety Officer Network meetings.

Due to the rising importance being placed on how this was addressed locally, a lot of activity was being undertaken in the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire region and Bolsover's Health and Safety officers were having discussions at County level.

A campaign was also being undertaken on a national level and a partner in the campaign was the Local Government Association (LGA) who had created a local authority toolkit to guide authorities through a review of the process to ensure they had the relevant activities in place to support a recognised standard in open water safety.

Members were advised that a number of local authorities were now addressing this issue and Scrutiny Committee could compliment the work being considered by officers to review current policies and procedures and how this was applied across all sites of open water within the District within the Council's control.

Further to a lengthy discussion, Members felt that the Committee could not add any value to this topic via a scrutiny review but would consider the outcome of any officer work carried out in relation to any policies or procedures made further to the LGA's tool kit.

The Scrutiny and Elections Officer had accessed the LGA's toolkit on line and would send Members the web-link address.

Review of How to Embed Learning Outcomes from the NG20 Scheme

It was noted that this topic had scored highly at Scrutiny Conference and had been suggested as a topic prior to a presentation being provided to Members at Council.

The presentation to Council in April had highlighted and clarified further achievements to date and also possible areas for expansion. It was noted that best practice from the scheme was already being shared on a national level.

The original proposal submitted to Scrutiny Conference suggested that a review could support analysis of how the principles and learning from the project so far, could be applied to other areas of the District. It was also noted that it would be useful to examine how the performance management approach being utilised around the Social Value measurement (Social Return on Investment) could be utilised by other teams within the Authority, as a best practice approach. Members also commented that they were keen to ensure that the outcomes of the scheme were being fully embedded to ensure there was longevity to the investment once the scheme ended. Members noted that further progress updates were planned to Council over the next

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few months, including a mid-term evaluation, and wanted to assess that information before taking a decision to review via scrutiny.

Further to a lengthy discussion, Members felt that this would be a possible area for a mini review.

Moved by Councillor T. Munro and seconded by Councillor P.A. Cooper

RESOLVED that (1) the report and the work programme 2018/19 be noted,

(2) the Committee's topic for Review for 2018/19, be the Perception of Young People,

(3) time allowing in the Scrutiny Work Programme, a mini review be undertaken in relation to the longevity of the impact of the NG20 Programme,

(4) Committee consider the outcome of any officer work carried out regarding Open Water Safety in relation to any policies or procedures made further to the LGA's tool kit,

(Scrutiny and Elections Officer)

The formal meeting concluded at 1400 hours and Members then met as a working party to continue their review work. The working party concluded at 1425 hours.