

## **LEISURE AND HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Present: Councillor I L Tyler, Chair

Councillors: S A Bagshaw  
D Bagshaw  
M J Crow  
S Easom  
E Kerry (Substitute)  
S Kerry  
P Lally  
H Land  
R D MacRae  
G Marshall  
P Roberts-Thomson (Substitute)  
M Radulovic MBE (Ex-Officio)  
P D Simpson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H G Khaled MBE and J P T Parker

### 8 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor P Lally declared an interest in agenda item 5, as Councillor LA Lally is employed at Middle Street Resource Centre, minute number 12 refers.

### 9 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2020 were confirmed and approved as a correct record.

### 10 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Standing Orders were suspended to receive an update from the Chief Executive in relation to Covid-19 issues.

Concerns had been raised within the Borough in particular in Kimberley, Watnall, North Beeston and Chilwell. Broxtowe Environmental Health Team would be working alongside external stakeholders to target these particular areas, to provide guidance and work with the University of Nottingham with regards to students returning to the Borough and to co-ordinate planning of support to pubs and micro-pubs in particular to offer advice and guidance in safe practices. Broxtowe Borough Council would be Working along-side Public Health England to support the deployment of mobile testing centres and closure of establishments failing to follow the rules.

The Leader of the Council supported the Chief Executive in targeting key areas with leaflets particularly in Eastwood St Marys Ward. The Committee was concerned with rising numbers and that Broxtowe may be part of a localised lockdown. Communication is key to stop the spread of the disease and agreed to increase social media messages and to send information through the Broxtowe Email Me service. Councillors agreed to support the authority by repeating the message to constituents in their wards to follow the guidance as communicated by Central Government to target the spread of the virus.

#### 11 BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW PROGRESS - HEALTH

The Committee noted a report which informed of progress against outcome targets identified in the Business Growth Business Plan, linked to Corporate Plan priorities and objectives, and was provided with an update as to the latest key performance indicators therein. Further discussion ensued with regards to Covid-19 pandemic and the impact on food inspections as waiting for further guidance from the Food Standards Agency.

#### 12 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS

Members discussed the services available to residents of the Borough in respect of mental health and highlighted funding issues in relation to the signposted organisations. Samaritans and Mind were also referenced as organisations which could offer help to deal with mental health issues. The Committee thanked Officers for the support during the Covid-19 pandemic and agreed to bring reports on suicide data and trends, young people and mental health, local mental health Voluntary organisations, Update on the Mental Health Action Plan and to invite Eastwood Mental Health Hub and Middle Street Resource Centre to give a presentation to a future Committee particularly in the climate of Covid-19.

#### 13 SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

Members were informed of the experience of people living with dementia during the Covid-19 pandemic. The survey summary gave an insight into the impact lockdown had on carers wellbeing and on dementia care in the Community. Some Members of the Committee visited The Studio at Padge Road to see how the project provided carers with a break as well as working with individuals with dementia to develop a place where they felt welcome and at ease as well as enabling them to participate in artistic related projects. Members discussed the value this service would provide to support the carer and dementia patient and would benefit the reduction in hospital related admissions.

**RESOLVED that the proposal in appendix 1 of the report be approved.**

14 WORK PROGRAMME

Members agreed that reports on Suicide Data and Trends, Young People and Mental Health, Local Mental Health Voluntary Organisations, Update on the Mental Health Action Plan and to invite Eastwood Mental Health Hub to give a presentation to a future Committee and presentation from the Middle Street Resource Centre.

**RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.**