

Report to

Council

Agenda
Item

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Meeting Date: 14 July 2020

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Title: Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Jack Paton

First let me thank the staff for the way they set up the Virtual Meeting, it certainly made our job a lot easier. This was a strange undertaking but with the help of the staff we got through it alright.

We spoke at length about the Health & Wellbeing Service, we were told about Health & Wellbeing Services in Community services with streams in Sport & Physical Activity.

We were told that Community Services had restructured in 2019 to align a better service and the Panel would receive further reports in the future. We asked about the results of the Social Prescribing initiatives and it was agreed that the information would be circulated to the Panel.

We supported the vision of GPs prescribing allotments to get people to grow their own food. GLL were also preparing activities for young people in the summer period and in addition the Council would provide grants to organisations like the Youth Zone to provide activities.

We thanked the team for their work in keeping our Green Spaces open for people to enjoy during these difficult times. Walking and cycling has increased during the lockdown and we think it is important that the Council work in partnership to support the Climate Change Strategy and help the health and wellbeing of the area.

Scrutiny Report

We asked for the following items to be added:-

- Disabled Facilities Grants
- Homelessness
- Domestic Abuse.

This was resolved and added.

Overview Report

We considered the notes of the Scrutiny Chairs Group and felt that the Panels should continue to have 8 Members. We felt reducing the number of Members would reduce the effectiveness across the Panels and we agreed that we would continue to meet at 10am

Cllr Jack Paton

Chair – Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee