

## Scrutiny Committee

- Venue: Committee Room
- Date: 13 June 2012
- Present: Councillors I Chilvers, M Hobson, Mrs W Nichols (Chair), C Pearson, D Peart and R Price (Vice Chair)
- Apologies for Absence: Councillors M Dyson and R Sweeting.
- Also Present: Councillors Mrs G Ivey and C Metcalfe, Selby Chief Inspector Mark Iveson, Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust Director of Sport – Mike Lyons, Selby Community Hospital Site Coordinator – Julie Corbally, Selby Community Hospital Interim Clinical Lead – Helen Helps.
- Officers Present: Deputy Chief Executive – Jonathan Lund, Communities Selby Development Manager – Drew Fussey, Business Manager – Sarah Smith, Lead Officer Assets – Dave Maycock, Democratic Services Officer – Nick Abbott.
- Press: None

### 1. Change of Running Order

The Chair informed the Committee of her intention to amend the order of business to better accommodate the people who had been invited to speak to the Committee.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Minutes

#### **RESOLVED:**

**To receive and approve the minutes of the Scrutiny Committee held on 20 March 2012 for signing by the Chair.**

#### **4. Crime and Disorder Update Report – SC/12/6**

A report from North Yorkshire Police Authority was submitted for information. Chief Inspector Mark Iveson of Selby was in attendance and gave a short presentation to the committee about his Policing background, his key priorities for the Selby area and details of some key crime statistics.

The Committee asked questions of Chief Inspector Iveson in relation to his presentation and also about the statistics contained in the report.

The Committee requested that the amount of information contained in the North Yorkshire Police reports be reduced to help focus attention on the crime data at a ward level and that the statistical information is sent to Committee members in good time for them to review it prior to a Scrutiny Committee meeting.

The Chair thanked Chief Inspector Iveson for attending. Chief Inspector Iveson left the meeting.

#### **5. Health Service Provision – SC/12/4**

Julie Corbally Site Coordinator and Helen Helps Interim Clinical Lead from Selby Community Hospital were in attendance and gave a short presentation to the Committee. They discussed the new Selby Community Hospital and what changes and improvements had been made to services as a result of the move. These included the benefits of transferring services from several sites into one. They also discussed the improvements for staff and considered the future development of services on the site.

The Committee asked questions about the new site including the closing times for the minor injuries unit. It was noted that this service was run by Harrogate NHS Trust and was commissioned by NHS North Yorkshire and York. The Committee requested that the commissioning body attend a future meeting to discuss this matter.

Councillors expressed their thanks to the Selby Community Hospital staff for their hard work and the quality of care they provide to patients.

The Chair thanked Julie Corbally and Helen Helps for attending. They left the meeting.

#### **6. Barlow Common Nature Reserve – SC/12/5**

Councillor Metcalfe, Executive Member for Communities and the Communities Selby Development Manager were in attendance and provided the Committee with a verbal update of work at Barlow Common Nature Reserve. They discussed the Executive decision to lease Barlow

Common for 99 years to North Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and updated the Committee on the progress with this work. They explained that the arrangements include the use of site management plans and the intention to review these annually with North Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

The Committee raised questions about the lease agreements and the development and management of the site under the new arrangements. It was confirmed that parking at the Barlow Common site would remain free from charge.

The Chair thanked the Executive Member for Communities and the Communities Selby Development Manager for attending. They left the meeting.

## **7. Access Selby Service Provision – Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust – SC/12/2**

Councillor Mrs Ivey, Executive Member for External Relationships and Partnerships, the Director of Sport at Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust and the Business Manager were in attendance. They presented a report to the Committee which gave details about the provision of Leisure Services in Selby District and plans for future development of the park and amphitheatre. They gave details about the use of the leisure facilities including the number of members and also the types of activities that were organised.

They explained that since the fire some alternative facilities had been developed in partnership with other local organisations. Also much work has gone into developing the temporary facilities on Portholme Crescent in Selby. It was noted that the good partnership between the Council and Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust had been strengthened as a result of the fire and the work now being undertaken.

The Committee asked questions about the provision of the temporary facilities and the long term plans for the Abbey Leisure Centre site.

Councillor D Peart left the meeting at 7.05pm.

The Committee were advised that Mike Lyons would be leaving Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust for a new job; they expressed their thanks for all his hard work and wished him well in his future job.

The Chair thanked the Executive Member for External Relationships and Partnerships, the Director of Sport at Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust and the Business Manager for attending. They left the meeting.

## **8. Chair's Address to the Scrutiny Committee**

The Chair requested that Committee members consider the work programme and asked that they suggest areas they would like to discuss

in relation to the proposed items or put forward ideas for new topics and items.

#### **9. Call In**

None received.

#### **10. Time of Meetings**

The Committee discussed the start time of future meetings.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**To approve the meetings of the Scrutiny Committee commence at 5pm for the Municipal Year 2012-13.**

#### **11. Year End Performance Report – SC/12/3**

The Deputy Chief Executive presented a report about the performance of Access Selby in relation to the identified key performance indicators. It was noted that the organisation had performed well against targets with no indicators below target. Where an issue had been identified in relation to re-letting of void properties continuous monitoring of performance had allowed for rapid action to be taken to identify and remedy the relevant issues.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**To receive and note the report.**

#### **12. Access Selby Service Provision – Housing: Stocks and Voids – SC/12/1**

The Lead Officer for Assets presented a report to the Committee about the Housing Stock and performance on repairs and voids. The Lead Officer noted that most of the performance indicators had seen improvement but performance on completion of non-urgent repairs was still below target. Also it was explained that performance in voids was continuing to improve but there was potential for performance to regress, but not past the target, due to the nature of some properties likely to become void in the near future.

The Committee questioned the Lead Officer and requested that they receive an update on the areas covered next by the painting programme, and the situation regarding Council owned garages. Also the Committee raised concerns about communication between Access Selby and Help-Link and requested that the Lead Officer investigate the matter.

#### **13. Work Programme**

The Committee's attention was drawn to the work programme within the published meeting agenda. The Chair asked if the Committee would agree to a request from the Executive to remove "and potential for budget cuts to the service" from the wording on the North Yorkshire Fire Service item due at 22 January 2013 meeting. The Chair explained that the work programme would be passed to Council for final approval.

**RESOLVED:**

**To amend the Scrutiny Committee work programme by removing "and potential for budget cuts to the service" from the wording on the North Yorkshire Fire Service item due at 22 January 2013 meeting.**

The Chair thanked all for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm