

Minutes of a meeting of the **Overview & Scrutiny Committee** held at Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich on **Tuesday 22 May 2018** at **10.00 am** when there were present:

	Mr J J Emsell – Chairman	
Mr A D Adams	Mrs J K Coplestone	Mr G K Nurden
Mrs C H Bannock	Mr R F Grady	Mrs K A Vincent
Mr D Buck	Mrs L H Hemsall	Mr D C Ward

Also in attendance were the Housing Manager, Health, Housing and Partnership Officer and the Committee Officer (JO).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Harrison, Mr Ray-Mortlock and Mr Tapp.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Minute no: 164 – Chairman's Announcements

Members confirmed that they wished to see the Overview and Scrutiny Research post filled as soon as possible, as the Committee needed to continue to receive the level of support it had previously enjoyed in order to remain effective.

3 PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

The report provided an update on the activity of the Council over the last six months to increase the health and wellbeing of residents in Broadland.

Members were advised that Broadland's overall position in respect of deprivation was above the average for England, with 35 percent of the population in the least deprived category and no areas in the most deprived quartile. However, there had been a slight increase in deprivation in Foulsham, Guestwick and Wood Dalling, together with a small area around Aylsham town centre.

On a positive note, deprivation had reduced in Halvergate and in terms of social mobility; Broadland was the highest scoring local authority in Norfolk.

The report also included updates on the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Sustainability and Transformation Plan, Social Prescribing and District Direct; as well as Broadland specific activities designed to encourage a healthier lifestyle such as Broadly Active, Why Weight and the Marriott's Way 10k.

In response to a query, it was confirmed that the District Direct, which based a member of staff from the Housing Options Team at Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital to identify housing related barriers to reduce delayed discharge, help prevent re-admission and support sustainable independent living at home, had ended on 31 March 2018. It was estimated that if this service was provided on a daily basis it could lead to a saving of £465,250 a year. Options for the future funding of the service had been proposed and were being considered by Adult Social Care, Clinical Commissioning Groups and the District Councils. Members would be advised as soon as a decision about the service had been made. The Committee's representative on the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee confirmed that she would raise this issue at the next meeting, as this was such an important service.

In response to a request from a Member, it was confirmed that the next Public Health report would provide an overview of air pollution levels in the District.

A Member reminded the Committee that the Council had piloted a very successful Walk, Bike, Scoot scheme, which aimed to reduce pollution and improve health by cutting the number of vehicles transporting children to school and increase walking, cycling and scooting. The scheme was now due to be rolled out across Broadland.

It was noted that although Broadland had low levels of deprivation there were an estimated 251 financially vulnerable households in the District. These were mainly concentrated in Acle, Aylsham and Thorpe St Andrew. Much of this was due to high property prices and low wages. However, this figure remained very low compared to Norwich, which had 12,603 households in similar circumstances. The Committee was informed that the Council had two Welfare and Debt Advisor based in the Housing Options Team to assist households in financial difficulties.

In response to a request, it was confirmed that the Housing Briefing, which would be going to Cabinet in July, would include an update on housing association activity in the District.

Members noted the very positive actions being taken by the Council to increase levels of health and wellbeing in the District and commended the report.

RESOLVED

to note the report.

4 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

to appoint the following Members to the Performance Management Sub-Committee: Mrs Bannock, Mrs Copplestone, Mr Emsell, Mr Grady, Mr Nurden, Mrs Vincent and Mr D Ward.

Members noted that there were a number of topics on the Committee's Work Programme that had been allocated for the Performance Management Sub-Committee. It was suggested that it might be more efficient for these subjects to be considered by the whole Committee. Possibly by holding additional meetings with a single item Agenda. A decision on this approach would be taken in due course.

The meeting closed at 11.20 am.