



Leicester
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the
HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Held: THURSDAY, 23 AUGUST 2018 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Cutkelvin (Chair)
Councillor Fonseca (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Chaplin
Councillor Dr Moore

Councillor Cleaver
Councillor Pantling

Councillor Dr Sangster

In Attendance:

Councillor Clarke, Deputy City Mayor with responsibility for Environment, Public Health and Health Integration

Also Present:

Councillor Inderjit Gugnani

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17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they might have in the business on the agenda. No such declarations were made.

25. REVISED JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

The Director of Public Health submitted the Revised Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Ivan Browne, Consultant in Public Health introduced the report and referred to the Action Plan to support the strategy.

Members considered the report and raised comments and queries which included the following:

- The strategy was welcomed but a concern was raised that people sometimes experienced stress and illness because of their job, bad management or poor working conditions. A Member commented that she

would have liked to see more emphasis on this in the report. The Consultant in Public Health explained that they had been working with the Highcross and looking at mental health at work. He said that there was a need to change the culture as people were often unwilling to admit that they had mental health issues. The Member responded that there was a need to talk to the managers as the emphasis should not be on the person who was ill but on those who were managing their staff.

- It was noted that the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy was a statutory duty of the Health and Wellbeing Board. In response to a question, Members heard that local businesses were not represented on the Board, although efforts were being made to change that. The work however that was being undertaken with the Highcross was critical.
- A Member referred to the ambitions set out in the strategy, one of which was to ensure decent homes for everyone. She said there were some very sad situations in the city and she expressed concerns as to whether this was achievable.
- Views were expressed that the Revised Joint Strategy should be discussed with other Councillors as it was a significant document that cut across everything the council delivered. The Chair suggested that the findings of the consultation should be brought to the Overview Select Committee.
- The Chair said that the strategy referred to a grass roots approach working with individuals and community groups and expressed concerns that with pressure of those community groups, there was a limit as to what they could provide.

AGREED:

that the findings following the consultation on the Revised Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, be brought to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission and the Overview Select Committee as appropriate.