

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2008

Present: Councillors Mrs Y R T Clarkson (Chairman); G Garrity; A Jacob; J Kane; A Mossop; P Tyson; M McVeigh; C Whiteside; J Park and R Cole.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Wilson and Mrs M Docherty;

Officers: N White, Scrutiny Support Officer and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

CYPHC 16/07 Cultural Services

The Committee received a presentation from the Council's Cultural Services department on the work undertaken in Arts Development, Sports Development and Leisure Partnership.

Following the presentation, Members congratulated the Leisure Services Department on their work.

Members asked why Millom did not appear on the list of areas where sports activities had taken place, and were advised that although 3 events had been planned, they were cancelled due to a lack of attendance.

It was noted that activity in Millom, in the form of Holiday Activity Camps, was being planned for 2008 and it was agreed to invite the Leisure Services Department to a future meeting to provide an update prior to the summer camps commencing.

It was further noted that Leisure Services had been offered the facilities at the Copeland Stadium in 2007, but this had not been taken up.

The Committee was of the opinion that the facilities available from Leisure Services should be publicised more.

RESOLVED: that

- a) the presentation be noted; and
- b) Leisure Services be invited to a future meeting prior to the commencement of Summer Camps within the summer activity scheme 2008.

CYPHC 17/07 Scrutiny of Localities

Note: Councillor Cole declared a personal interest in this item due to him being a County Councillor.)

Consideration was given to proposals on the Scrutiny of Localities from the County Council's Health and Well-Being Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee thanked those Members who had been working on the Closer to Home consultation, which had shown how local scrutiny could work well. It was felt that as much scrutiny that could be undertaken locally would be the way forward.

RESOLVED: that

- a) the County Council's Health and Well-Being Scrutiny Committee be advised that this Council is happy to support the use of 'Locality task and Finish Group of the Health and Well-Being Committee' and/or 'District Council led Scrutiny of Health' depending on the issue, to be looked at on a case by case basis; and
- b) the opportunity to work more closely with the County Council on health issues be welcomed.

CYPHC 18/07 Mental Health

(Note: Councillor Cole declared a personal interest in this item due to him being a County Councillor)

The Committee received an update from Councillor Garrity on the latest position on work by the County Council's Health and Well-Being Scrutiny Committee on the Mental Health issues in Copeland.

Members were advised that consultation on changes to Mental Health Services in Cumbria commences on 1 March 2008.

The Committee asked for a special meeting to be set up in March to hear from the NHS Foundation Trust on the proposed changes.

RESOLVED: that

- a) the update from Councillor Garrity on the latest position on work by the County Council's Health and Well-Being Scrutiny Committee on the Mental Health issues in Copeland be noted;
- b) a representative from the NHS Foundation Trust be requested to attend a special meeting of this Committee in March and subject to the outcome of that meeting a scoping meeting be arranged.

CYPHC 19/07 Work Plan

The Work Plan of the OSC Children, Young People and Healthy Communities Committee was considered.

During discussion, concern was expressed regarding young people drinking alcohol in a Whitehaven park during the evening.

Members were also advised that refurbishment had recently taken place at the Lonsdale centre.

RESOLVED: that

- a) the Work Plan for the Committee was submitted and noted.
- b) a letter be sent to Cumbria Constabulary airing Member's concerns that a number of youths consume alcohol in the parks within the Whitehaven area and seeking their views
- c) a representative from the Lonsdale Centre be invited to update a future meeting of this Committee on their recent refurbishment

The Meeting Closed at 3:25pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....