

Notes from the Chair from the last Health & Care Overview & Scrutiny at County on the 28th November

Developing Healthier Communities

A workshop was held recently on this subject to understand the wider determinants of Health and discuss how and what role District and Boroughs across Staffordshire could play in developing Healthier Communities.

One of the outcomes from this event was the realisation that we as Districts and Boroughs have a vital role in thinking Health in all that we do as an Authority in all of our decisions, policies and processes.

We also need to ensure that Health matters particularly health inequalities are being considered as part of developing our Local Plan.

A further recommendation was that we all commit to reviewing what is already happening in our District and engaging with officers in areas such as planning, licensing and Leisure.

I will be suggesting that in order to take this extremely important area forward that a conversation with the Leader and CEO to identify a key District Lead to act as a conduit between the County and other Districts/Boroughs , and to be the Health Champion or advocate for this work, this does not necessarily have to be an officer it could be a member.

Ultimately, we need create a health profile for the District. This will enable the determining and delineation of local needs which can then form the basis of developing a plan.

We will of course get support and help from the County Council's public health team.