

Agenda



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Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 15 December 2021 at 3.00 pm,
Accrington Town Hall

Membership

Chair: Councillor Jenny Molineux (in the Chair)

Councillors Dominik Allen, Carole Haythornthwaite, Bernadette Parkinson, June Harrison and
Kate Walsh

Cooptees: Jean Battle, Kimberley Whitehead, Bernard Dawson and Paul Barton

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** (Pages 3 - 4)
4. **Responses of Cabinet to Reports of Overview and Scrutiny** (Pages 5 - 8)

The Committee to receive responses to previous reports and recommendations
submitted to Cabinet.



5. The Police and Crime Plan 2021-25

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire, Andrew Snowden, will present the Police and Crime Plan to the Committee.

COMMUNITIES AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 20th October, 2021

Present: Councillors Dominik Allen, Carole Haythornthwaite, Bernadette Parkinson (Chair), June Harrison, Kate Walsh and Paddy Short

In Attendance: Cooptees Bernard Dawson, Paul Barton, Jean Battle and Kimberley Whitehead

Apologies: Cllr Jenny Molineux

112 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies were received from Councillor Jenny Molineux. Councillor Paddy Short substituted for Councillor Molineux.

113 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.

114 Minutes of Last Meeting

To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday, 8th September 2021 for approval as a correct record.

Recommended - That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.

115 Appointment of Co-optees

Councillor Bernadette Parkinson introduced a report on the appointment of co-optees to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The report was for information only. Councillor Parkinson highlighted that Bernard Dawson, Paul Barton, Jean Battle and Kimberley Whitehead had been appointed and welcomed them to the Committee.

Recommended - That the report be noted.

116 Suicide Prevention Scrutiny Panel Report

The Scrutiny and Policy Officer, introduced the report on behalf of the Suicide Prevention Scrutiny Panel. The Scrutiny and Policy Officer reported that the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report and presentation from Lancashire County Council Public Health at its meeting on 8th September. The report highlighted concerns that Real Time Surveillance data of suspected suicide rates in Hyndburn have increased. Consequently, the Committee resolved to appoint a short task

and finish group to determine what action the Council takes, and what further action the Council could take to support suicide prevention.

The Officer reported that the Suicide Prevention Panel contained 5 Councillors from this Committee, and was supported by officers from Lancashire County Council Public Health, and the Head of Policy and OD and the Head of Audit and Investigations from Hyndburn Borough Council.

All details of the review were included in the report. The role of this Committee was to consider and approve the recommendations to be submitted to Cabinet.

Questions were raised on the following topics:

- How the Council works with LCC Public Health?
- What is the role of the Member Champion?
- What further role was there for Councillors to support the agenda?
- What is the time frame for the action plan?
- Who would be responsible for monitoring the action plan?

Councillor Kate Walsh, suggested an additional recommendation be added to ensure that this Committee receives regular updates on the action plan, if it is approved by Cabinet.

Recommended - That the Committee submits the following recommendations to Cabinet:

That Cabinet resolve:

- **To sign up to the Mental Health Challenge for Local Authorities.**
- **To appoint an elected member as the Council's 'Mental Health Champion'.**
- **To identify a member of staff within the Council to act as 'Lead Officer' for mental health and wellbeing.**
- **To implement a Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Action Plan, as detailed in Appendix 1.**

And:

That the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive regular updates on the implementation of the action plan.

Signed:.....

Date:

Chair of the meeting
At which the minutes were confirmed

Agenda Item 4.

REPORT TO:	Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
DATE:	15 th December 2021		
REPORT OF:	Cllr Miles Parkinson – Leader of the Council		
REPORT AUTHOR:	Ben Caulfield, Scrutiny and Policy Officer		
TITLE OF REPORT:	Responses of Cabinet to Reports of Overview and Scrutiny - Healthy Weight Declaration		
EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)	No	Not applicable	
KEY DECISION:	No	If yes, date of publication:	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update the Committee on responses of Cabinet to previous reports and recommendations from the committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee notes the responses.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 Overview and Scrutiny Committees often make recommendations during the course of their business.
- 3.2 The Council's Constitution, Part 4 C 10 states:

Cabinet will respond to the report or recommendations of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee by the date of the next following Cabinet meeting after considering the report or recommendations, unless the next following Cabinet meeting is scheduled to take place within 14 days of the Overview & Scrutiny meeting at which the report or recommendations were approved, in which case the same may at the option of the Leader of the Council be referred to the next Cabinet meeting after that one to allow sufficient time for the report or recommendations to be considered.

4. Report Details and Response to Recommendations

4.1 **Title of Report** – Healthy Weight Declaration

<https://democracy.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/documents/s15132/Healthy%20Weight%20Declaration%20-%20Main%20Report.pdf>

4.2 **Report submitted to** – Cabinet

4.3 **Date of Report** – 20th October

4.4 **Recommendations**

That Cabinet agrees to:

Support the principles of the Healthy Weight Declaration and Lancashire County Councils Commitment as the Upper Tier Authority responsible for Public Health in Hyndburn:

Shows its Commitment to reducing obesity in Hyndburn by maintaining the actions detailed below:

- Support action at national level to help local authorities promote healthy weight and reduce health inequalities in our communities by promoting national healthy weight campaign messages through our social media channels.
- Maintain supplementary planning guidance for hot food takeaways around schools, with a restriction zone of 400m radius around all schools in the Borough. New hot food takeaways will not be supported within these areas, except when located in a defined town or local centre, or controls on the hours of operation are implemented to help reduce the likelihood of young people visiting.
- Use planning policy where possible to support health and wellbeing and create development that encourages physical activity and active travel.
- Continue our approach to enabling and promoting active travel for staff and visitors whilst providing staff with opportunities to be physically active through the promoting of stair use, cycle to work scheme and subsidised leisure access.
- Encourage partners who operate catering from Council owned buildings to offer healthy options.
- Through our work with partners notably Hyndburn Leisure, encourage residents to be physically active through use of leisure facilities and outdoor spaces.

Review Officer capacity in 6 months-time, and consider then whether resources are available for the Council to sign the Healthy Weight Declaration and carry out the 16 core commitments.

4.5 **Response from Cabinet**

All recommendations were accepted in full.

5. Review

- 5.1 The Committee will request that Cabinet considers the Healthy Weight Declaration again in 6 months.

6. Consultations

- 6.1 Not Applicable

7. Implications

Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)	NA
Legal and human rights implications	NA
Assessment of risk	NA
Equality and diversity implications <i>A Customer First Analysis should be completed in relation to policy decisions and should be attached as an appendix to the report.</i>	NA

**8. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985:
List of Background Papers**

- 8.1 *Agenda, Reports and Minutes of Cabinet on 20th October 2021*
<https://democracy.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=133&MId=2612&Ver=4>
- 8.2 *Agenda, Reports and Minutes of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 8th September 2021*
<https://democracy.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=129&MId=2629&Ver=4>

9. Freedom of Information

9.1 The report does not contain exempt information under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A and all information can be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.