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Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thu 18 Oct
2018
6.30 pm

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COMMITTEE

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Joanne Beecham
Michael Chalk
Andrew Fry

Pattie Hill
Anthony Lovell
Gemma Monaco
Jennifer Wheeler

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2018 (Pages 1 - 10)

13. External Scrutiny Bodies - Update Reports (Pages 11 - 16)

- a) West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Council representative, Councillor Chalk; and
- b) Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) – Council representative, Councillor Chalk.

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Health Overview and Security Committee

19th September 2018 Worcestershire County Hall

The chair expressed his disappointment that the chief executive was returning to Australia but it was anticipated that we would have an exit report at the November meeting.

Four officers then gave a comprehensive report on the present state of the "Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service and Wellbeing Work".

The STP has a common vision for all where referrals are decided by either the need or by priority. There is a need for change to support an holistic approach and there appears to be funds available. There seemed to be an emphasis on a computer programme called "Kooth". It is a self-referral programme for on-line wellbeing support and counselling.

Provision for help was assessed through stages: if accepted there would be a care plan and other arrangements. There would be help with schooling.

Eating too much is equal to anorexia both require help and are part of area public health.

There followed a question session where ease of access was not really answered as it appeared to be difficult, as was NHS funding that schools could be use for counselling.

In my opinion there was a great deal of "officer speak" that distracted from the understanding of the issues. The power point slides are available in hard copy if required.

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West Midland Combined Authority
Questions to the Mayor - Andy Street
28th September 2018

The meeting started with Andy Street outlining the achievements of the authority. He emphasized an encouraging economy, improvement in employment and public health.

On transport he talked about the new rail links and more investment in West Midland rail, improved bus services and a move to Euro5 standard buses to help deliver the improved air quality.

For housing he felt that a deal was making good progress.

On delivering the much needed skills there was flexibility in the resources available.

He has commissioned various health related items

Overall he felt there was a positive review of the year siting the industrial Strategy, the inclusion of the "Blue Light" organisations into the Mayor's remit, town centre air quality and an extra £2M investment.

The Chair then asked for more resources for O&S and the ability to pre-scrutinise the activities of the board.

There followed the 20 questions the O&S group had prepared. These specifically referred to Housing, Transport and Air Quality.

Andy Street answered all the questions showing a good knowledge of the topics.

The meeting lasted 3 hours.

I have the questions asked and notes from his answers that I can make available on the night if required.

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West Midland Combined Authority
Housing and Land sub committee
18th September 2018

This was a very fluid meeting that seemed to jump between areas; these were the way the 4 LEP's approach their housing needs, the use / not use of the green Belt, off site construction and regeneration corridors.

The Housing action Plan was progressing but required time while transport to work and what was affordable housing was mentioned.

The definition of affordable appeared to differ across the authority area. The consensus was that homes needed to be built where there was work to reduce the travel time and cost. It was hoped to have land ownership details by late April 2019

What transpired for Redditch was: do we have a spacial plan/ Local Plan 4 that fit with the WMCA and are we building homes that build into communities.

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