



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 5th September,
2022

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Bill Hartnett (Chair), Councillor Joanna Kane (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Salman Akbar, Imran Altaf, Michael Chalk, Sid Khan, Timothy Pearman

Also Present:

Councillor Matt Dormer – Portfolio Holder for Planning, Economic Development, Commercialism and Partnerships

Officers:

Peter Carpenter, Ruth Bamford, Kevin Dicks and Judith Willis

Democratic Services Officers:

Jo Gresham

45. TASK GROUP REVIEWS - DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENTS

Councillor Khan presented the Topic Proposal in respect of Health Inequalities within the BME Community in Redditch. In doing so the following was brought to Members' attention:

- The intention of the Task Group was to investigate what, if any, health inequalities, affected the BME Community within Redditch. As part of the topic proposal, objectives had been identified which included the following:
 - Gather evidence in respect of current health inequalities amongst Redditch BME Communities compared to the broader community.
 - Identify the top 5 prevalent illnesses and diseases among the top three BME communities in Redditch.

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- Identify the reason for poor health of BME Communities in Redditch.
- Identify any differences in life expectancy within the BME communities within Redditch.
- Identify the health engagement programmes that are currently in place to improve the health of BME Communities, particularly those where prevention is a focus.
- Identify what other local authorities have done to improve health and wellbeing among BME communities with an aim to roll out similar initiatives.
- Explore any areas of improvements that could be made in the health and wellbeing of Redditch BME communities including engagement of the BME community and the empowerment of elderly, women and young people for their health needs. These groups have been identified as those who have the least up take of physical activities nationally and are considered as hard to reach.

Following the presentation of the Topic Proposal, Members discussed in detail the potential for broadening the scope of the investigation to include social groups as outlined in the Single Sustainable Community Strategy for Worcestershire 2011-2021. However, Councillor Khan confirmed that he wished the focus to remain on the BME Community within Redditch as stated within the proposal.

RESOLVED that

subject to any changes agreed during the meeting, the proposed Task Group in respect of Health Inequalities within the BME Community in Redditch be launched.

The Meeting commenced at 6.30 pm
and closed at 7.42 pm