MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.00 pm.

402 PRESENT, Councillors, I. W. Plant (Mayor), G. F. Bentley (Deputy Mayor), R. G. Locker, D. Sargeant, R. N. Wood, F. R. Alcock, Ms. K. Martin, J. Evans, A.D.J. Thomas, I.T. Whitehouse, Miss E. Whitehouse, P. Routledge, H. Black, Mrs. P. Upton, G. Powell, N.A. Wood and S. A. Ellis.

Councillor Lilian Dodd – Stoke on Trent City Council.
Professor Anthony Marsh – Chief Executive West Midlands Ambulance Service.
Councillor Leslie Jackson – Ipstones Parish Council.
Members of the public.

403 APOLOGIES for absence, Councillors, P.J. Elkin, A. Jackson and R. J. Slater.

ABSENT – None.

404 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor I. T. Whitehouse declared a personal interest in all planning applications on the Development Services Committee as he a member of the District Councils Planning Committee.

Councillor F. R. Alcock declared a personal interest in planning application SM.19/11/107M as his lands adjoins the applicants.

Councillor G. Bentley declared a personal interest in planning application SMD/2020/0029 as his lands adjoins the applicants.

Councillor I. W. Plant declared a personal interest in planning application SMD/2020/0029 as he knows the applicant.

Councillor G. Powell declared a personal interest in all planning applications on the Development Services Committee as he is a member of Cheadle Unite.

405 SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUEST

None received.

406 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION.

Several members of the public were present and put questions to Professor Marsh which were answered in agenda item 408 below.

407 VISIT FROM COUNCILLOR LILIAN DODD, STOKE ON TRENT CITY COUNCIL – MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE.

Councillor Mrs Dodd introduced herself and confirmed that she had held the role of Mental Health Champion for Stoke on Trent City Council since the Council signed up to it in 2016.It was originally set up by 7 Mental Health Partners to improve mental health for all. The biggest challenge had been all children in school's even children as young as 3-4 years old where schools were not able to cope. She confirmed that she is advocating mental health at all Full Council meetings and trying to provide as much information about mental health and where to find help. Although not mentally health trained she confirmed that she was about to take a mental health first aid course.
She said that it would become mandatory that any new Managers be fully trained and to be able to make people aware. She said that the budget was the biggest challenge but there is some scope for fund raising. She said it was important to get rid of the stigma of mental health by talking with local community groups, schools, churches etc. She said that she had attended at a fundraiser called 'Kelly's Legacy'. Kelly had been a young mother who had committed suicide and her parents had set up a charity to fund raise and Cllr Dodd works with the family and attends the fundraisers.
She said she has worked for the City Council for 20 years prior to becoming a Councillor, she was the HR Chair of the City Council and her door was always open to staff to talk about their problems. She provides bulletins and goes out to different Wards to talk about loneliness and isolation in the 'Wave goodbye to loneliness scheme'
She said that it is a challenge to get local Councillors to take the training. She said that the Youth Council talk to people to find out what issues they have. One case where a child was referred to CAMHS had to wait 53 weeks for treatment. She said that this was an example of service users being failed. Another case of an 8 year old child who had been in the mental health system up to age 17 where she was empowered to talk about her problems and self-referred to the Harplands hospital but she committed suicide at age 17.
She said that she is trying to get a Champion in every part of Stoke on Trent City Council where staff are looked after by Management who have had training. Also, to foster alliances between agencies, Headteachers and staff at schools and to talk about children. She said that signage in schools was a useful tool and sad and smiley faces allowed teachers to know how children were feeling and children could relate to.
She said she wanted to encourage Council to support mental health in the workforce perhaps just by being an open door and that there would be no financial cost as all

activity could be utilised by using all existing resources. She said that 'Challenge Partners' provides support briefing and guides.
Councillor Dodd confirmed that men's metal health issues are included Changes and Mind include male, female and children. She confirmed that the Police were on the Partnership Board with Stoke on Trent City Council.

Councillor I. W. plant thanked Councillor Mrs Dodd for her presentation.

408 <u>VISIT FROM PROFESSOR ANTHONY MARSH, CHIEF EXECUTIVE WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE - AMBULANCE PROVISION IN CHEADLE.</u>

Professor Marsh gave an overview of West Midlands Ambulance Service stating that what he was attempting to manage had been inherited. He said that when the WMAS merged with Staffordshire in 2007 improvements were rolled out called the make ready system and he said he was proud of the new hubs and over time he has replaced or refurbished them throughout Staffordshire and the West Midlands. As part of the investment there would be a paramedic on every ambulance which was not the case in the past. He said that there were 2,500 vacancies for paramedics across England but there were record number currently at West Midlands Ambulance Service. However, despite the numbers there is a 4.5% / 5% year on year growth responding to more cases. He said he was investing heavily in the fleet with no vehicle more than 5 years old and they were the only Service in the Country to achieve all targets with the lowest reference costs and pro rata least funded in the Country. He said that they were improving all the time and response time targets had now been replaced. He said that a car could not provide treatment that an ambulance can provide for emergencies such as strokes. He said that in 2017 NHS England introduced the Ambulance Response Programme which changed the way in which ambulance service performance is measured. The programme focuses on the outcome for patients. Previously standards focused on stopping the clock as the main way of monitoring performance. He said whilst clearly in a small number of cases, time is of the essence e.g. cardiac arrest, getting the right sort of vehicle e.g. an ambulance to a patient is actually more important and it is better to be taken to an emergency facility further afield. The cars were being replaced with double staff emergency ambulances. He said that it was pointless to waste money on empty buildings when he can invest that money in more paramedics and ambulances which is especially important in semi rural areas such Cheadle. In response to public and Councillor questions Professor Marsh stated that;
The car in Cheadle was 4 x 4 care but ambulance had not so far had any problems with bad weather and he has put additional 4 x 4 ambulances in areas around Staffordshire and has the ability to move all assets into the region if and when necessary and he will be replacing 4 x 4 ambulances into the Moorlands.

He stated that he has to consider all patients equally all across the Midlands and in his 33 years in Service he is convinced this is the right thing to do and the 8 minute response target is abolished. As a result of the changes WMAS has significantly increased the number of ambulances and reduced the number of response cars. Five years ago they had around 200 ambulances and 120 rapid response cars on duty at peak times. Today it is over 400 paramedic emergency ambulances and only a handful of specialist resources such as doctors and critical care paramedics on cars.

He said that the Trust has a community ambulance station based at the St John site in Cheadle where a 4x4 rapid response car is based. However, statistics show that the car spends most of its time elsewhere. Of all the cases it attends, only 2.2% of them are in Cheadle itself so it is a mistake to suggest that the response car is for Cheadle alone. Her said that if we look at Cheadle over the last year they were 2257 incidents within the town area, roughly 6 per day. Only 41.4% of the incidents were responded to from within Cheadle itself. 58.6% were responded to by ambulances within the area but not in the town itself. He said that where a vehicle starts or finishes its shift really doesn't matter, what matters is whether they are able to respond to patients in a timely manner and whilst this change will mean that a rapid response car will not start or finish its shift in Cheadle, that does not mean that the level of provision will be reduced.

More and more people are being trained in CPR and the WMAS and St Johns Ambulance Service are happy to work with Partners to train in CPR, the first minutes are vital. He said that Defibrillators can be self funded. He said last October WMAS trained over 60,000 people in the skill. He said this is the one thing that will save more lives than any number of ambulances or cars, a category one call requires them to reach 50% of calls within 7 minutes and 90% in 15 minutes, however, even if they were able to arrive to all those patients in 7 minutes that would arguably be 6 minutes to late.

Professor Marsh stated that it was early days and they would continue to review the operating model and the situation in Cheadle and more investment to improve response times and to put more ambulance staff onto the streets.

Councillor I. W. plant thanked Professor Marsh and his team for his presentation.

409 <u>CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2020</u>

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 20th January 2020 were approved as amended, to include Councillor A. Jackson in attendance as he was recorded absent, were confirmed as a correct record.

410 REPORT OF V. E. DAY WORKING PARTY MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 22nd JANUARY 2020

Councillor D. Sargent MOVED consideration of the REPORT,
The REPORT was ADOPTED.

411 REPORT OF THE DEVELOPEMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2020.

Councillor R. N. Wood MOVED consideration of the REPORT.
The REPORT was ADOPTED.

412 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2020.

Councillor D. Sargeant MOVED consideration of the REPORT.
The REPORT was ADOPTED.

413 REPORT OF THE LEISURE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2020.

Councillor I. W. Plant MOVED consideration of the REPORT.
The REPORT was ADOPTED.

414 REPORTS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

No Reports were provided.

415 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

No announcements or correspondence.

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

Signed…….

MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.00 P.M.

416 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Development Services Committee Meeting held on Monday 20th January 2020 were approved and confirmed as a correct record.

417 REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM S.M.D.C.

SMD/2020/0045 – 15 Millers View – Two storey rear extension

It was recommended that the Council has no objections to this application.

SMD/2020/0029 – Land at the Green – Erection of 9 dwellings including formation of a new vehicular access road.

It was recommended that the Council has no objections to this application.

418 REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM SC.C.

SM.19/11/107M – Freehay Quarry, School Lane, Freehay – The continuation of development at variance to conditions 2, 25 and 30 of the environment Act 1995 schedule of conditions ref SM.EA/5 to seek approval for minor material amendments to the sequence of winning and working sand and gravel and the associated silting arrangements as well as soil handling and storage and restoration.

It was recommended that the Council has no objections to this application.

419 FEEDBACK FROM THE SMDC LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION – INSPECTORS MATTERS ISSUES AND QUESTIONS 4th AND 5th FEBRUARY 2020 – COUNCILLOR G. POWELL.

Councillor G. Powell provided deferred this item to the next agenda.

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

Signed ……

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420 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS ON PAGE 133 AND AGENDA ITEM 401 HELD ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2020.

Councillor R. N. Wood MOVED consideration of the REPORT.
The REPORT was ADOPTED.

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

Signed…….