

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday 11 April 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillor John Eagle

Councillors: P Foy, J Wallace, M Charlton, T Graham, J Green,  
S Green, M Hall, B Oliphant and M Ord

**CR36 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Caffrey, A Thompson, J Hamilton, M Brain and M Hood.

**CR37 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 February 2016 be approved as a correct record.

**CR38 ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee received a report outlining the provisional work programme for the municipal year 2016-17. The Council has consulted partner organisations and it was reported that they have been supportive of the themes identified for consideration by the Committee.

It was requested that further consideration be given to the timing of the case study on the implementation of Universal Credit and that the issue be brought forward, if appropriate.

It was suggested that Devolution and asset issues arising from the Government's Academies Policy both be considered for inclusion on the work programme.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) The Committee agreed the case studies for 2016-17.
- ii) The provisional work programme was endorsed and recommended to Council at its meeting on 26 May 2016.
- iii) That further reports be brought to the Committee to identify any additional issues which the Committee may be asked to consider.

**CR39 RESILIENCE AND EMERGENCY PLANNING FRAMEWORK - SIX MONTHLY PROGRESS UPDATE**

The Committee received an update report on progress over the last six months in relation to the Strategic Resilience and Emergency Planning Framework. Progress and activity was reported against the following themed areas: Building resilient and stronger communities, assessing risk, enhancing partnership arrangements to

respond and recover and; strengthening communication and community engagement.

The report also outlined the learning from the severe weather experienced by Gateshead between 4 and 7 January 2016 and actions to be taken to improve the response to this type of incident in the future.

Officers were congratulated on their response to the severe weather in January, and it was requested that an update be provided outside of the meeting regarding the medium term proposals for flood risk in The Willows / Ridgeway area and also in Winlaton and High Spen.

Comments were made in relation to the Council's ability to influence the future design of housing developments with a view to reducing flood risk. It was queried whether technology could be used to test various flood risk scenarios on future developments.

It was queried why there has been a substantial increase in Scarlet Fever within Gateshead and whether the issue remains. It was agreed that an update be provided in relation to this.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Committee was satisfied with the progress achieved in the last six months.
- ii) That the Committee agreed to receive a further progress report in September 2016.

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#### **MONITORING - OSC REVIEW OF CAPACITY BUILDING IN COMMUNITIES TO IMPROVE HEALTH**

At the conclusion of the Committee's Review of Capacity Building in Communities to Improve Health, three priorities were identified as a framework to shape the Council's ongoing approach and an action plan was produced.

The Committee received an update report on progress made during the period September 2015 – March 2016, against the actions and milestones contained in the action plan.

The report also included detailed examples highlighting the events and actions to deliver the three priorities.

It was commented that the report demonstrates the important and positive work that is being undertaken in Gateshead and the Committee was pleased to learn of the significant time and resources provided by volunteers.

It was requested that further mapping be undertaken to illustrate how effective the targeting of resources (and activity) is to address health inequalities. It was noted that resources are targeted and that the cluster of activity on the map contained in the report is consistent with where the most significant health inequalities exist.

Councillors highlighted that many activities such as cooking and cafes prove to be effective means of securing wider participation and engagement with hard to reach groups and individuals.

It was commented that the results of this work are often realised generations later and consequently its value can be overlooked, therefore this information should be made available to Councillors as part of the Council's budget setting process.

It was also requested that the contents of the report be shared with the Gateshead Health and Wellbeing Board and other health partners to inform their budget setting processes and applications for funding.

- RESOLVED:
- i) That the information be noted.
  - ii) That the Committee was satisfied with the level of progress to date.
  - iii) That the future monitoring and evaluation of the capacity building for health and wellbeing approaches be addressed through the evaluation of the Live Well Gateshead model.

**Chair.....**