

Public Health and Communities Policy Committee

21 June 2024



Report of: Tim O’Gara, Director: Legal & Democratic Services

Title: Public Health and Communities Policy Committee annual business report 2024/25

Officer presenting report: Johanna Holmes / Ian Hird, Policy Committee Co-ordinator

Recommendations:

1. To note the membership of the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee for 2024/25.
2. To note the appointment of Cllr Stephen Williams as the Chair of the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee for 2024/25.
3. To note the appointment of Cllr Emily Clarke as the Vice-Chair of the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee for 2024/25.
4. To note the terms of reference of the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee.
5. To note the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee’s meeting dates for 2024/25.
6. To note the establishment of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee.



1. Context/background

a. Membership of the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee

At the annual Full Council meeting held on 21 May 2024, the following members were appointed to serve on the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee for 2024/25:

Cllr Tom Blenkinsop
Cllr Emily Clarke
Cllr Lisa Durston
Cllr Ed Fraser
Cllr Fi Hance
Cllr Cara Lavan
Cllr Abdul Malik
Cllr Bador Uddin
Cllr Stephen Williams

b. Chair of the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee

At the annual Full Council meeting held on 21 May 2024, Cllr Stephen Williams was appointed as Chair of the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee for 2024/25.

c. Vice-Chair of the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee

At the annual Full Council meeting held on 21 May 2024, Cllr Emily Clarke was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee for 2024/25.

d. Terms of reference of the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee

The terms of reference of the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee, as set out in the Council's constitution, are as follows:

Terms of Reference of Policy Committees

All policy committees have the following terms of reference:

1. To deliver their functions in accordance with the Corporate Plan and any other plan or strategy approved by Full Council.
2. To take decisions above the financial threshold of £500,000 for decisions of Policy Committees and in accordance with the Council's approved budget and policy framework and decisions that are significant in terms of their effects on communities living or working in two or more wards in the city.
3. To consider matters that are referred to the Committee by the Chair of the Committee or which are escalated to the Committee.
4. To develop and agree strategies, policies and plans in respect of the areas of responsibility of the Committee.
5. To approve fees and charges.
6. To exercise statutory scrutiny functions through the appropriate Policy Committee, or Sub-Committee established for that purpose (health, flood risk management and crime and disorder).
7. To review risk management, financial management and performance reports from

service areas within the areas of responsibility of the Committee.

8. To establish Sub-Committees and delegate functions to them.

9. To conduct task and finish activities to consider policy development matters. It is recommended that this be two per Policy Committee per municipal year.

10. To foster relationships with residents, businesses and stakeholders within the city and encourage them to participate in the Council's democratic processes.

Policy committees carrying out policy development

Where a policy committee is carrying out policy development, it will do so in accordance with the following principles:

11. Policy development will be carried out within the framework of the Council strategic priorities as set out in the Council's Corporate Plan.

12. Policy development will consider the Council Budget and Policy Framework and review of their impact on service delivery and outcomes for people in Bristol.

13. Consider 'city-wide issues' (and where appropriate sub regional, regional and national issues), in particular through collaborative work with local partner authorities, providers, stakeholders and members of the public.

14. Consider organisational performance (ICT, legal, financial and HR services) and commission performance reviews.

Specific functions of the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee

- Public Health including Mental Health Services and Health Partnerships
- Preventative Services
- Sport and Leisure
- Commissioning (Health)
- Domestic violence and abuse
- Community Safety, Community Cohesion and Safer Bristol Partnership
- Community Engagement and development
- Transferred community assets
- Community Safety, Community Cohesion and Safer Bristol Partnership
- Voluntary and Community Services and Community initiatives
- Libraries
- Parks and Green Spaces
- Events and Carnivals
- Public protection and environmental health
- Local decision making
- Departmental performance, budget and risk

e. Meeting dates

The meeting dates of the Public Health and Communities Policy Committee for 2024/25 are (all at 10.00 am):

Friday 21 June 2024

Friday 23 August 2024

Friday 11 October 2024

Friday 22 November 2024

Friday 17 January 2025

Friday 14 March 2025

f. Sub-Committees

At the annual Full Council meeting held on 21 May 2024, the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee was appointed with the following membership:

Cllr Tim Wye, Chair

Cllr Kerry Bailes, Vice-Chair

Cllr Jenny Bartle

Cllr Lisa Durston

Cllr Caroline Gooch

Cllr Graham Morris

Cllr Louis Martin

Cllr Jerome Thomas

Cllr Ani Stafford-Townsend

The Health Scrutiny Sub-committee is established as a sub-committee of the Public Health and Communities Committee. It will be responsible for the exercise of the statutory scrutiny functions under sections 244 and 245 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013

3. Legal and Resource Implications

N/A

Appendices:

None

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

Full Council agenda papers and minutes, 21 May 2024 [ModernGov – bristol.gov.uk](https://moderngov.bristol.gov.uk)