

## Note of last Community Wellbeing Board meeting

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**Title:** Community Wellbeing Board  
**Date:** Wednesday 29 November 2017  
**Venue:** Smith Square 1&2, Ground Floor, 18 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

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### Attendance

An attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note

### Item Decisions and actions

#### 1 Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE and Cllr Sue Woolley.

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 2 Presentation from Dr Charles Alessi

Dr Charles Alessi, Senior Advisor and lead for preventable dementia in Public Health England, gave a presentation to the Board on his work around productive ageing.

Charles Alessi emphasised the need to change the narrative around ageing, and how ageing is viewed. He advised that in commissioning local government should consider closer work with the voluntary sector, and avoid over medicalising the local government approach to ageing. He also expressed a view that more work needed to be done around diversity in productive ageing.

In the discussion which followed, Members raised the following points;

- A view was expressed that the right support from the Department of Health needs to be in place when approaching the preventative agenda
- A member expressed a view that the sector must continue to work closely with the voluntary sector in encouraging people to stay active.
- A view was expressed that the Alzheimer's Society will be a good ally in productive ageing going forwards.
- Members emphasised the importance of a dementia friendly society.
- A view was expressed that involving faith groups would be valuable in future.
- Members emphasised the importance of access to services for the elderly in rural areas.

#### Decision

The Board noted the presentation.

#### Action

Member Services Officer to circulate the presentation to Members of the Board.

### **3 Supported Housing Update**

Laura Caton, Senior Adviser, introduced the report regarding a new consultation published by the Government on supported housing funding with a closing date of 23 January 2018. The Government had confirmed that the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rate would not apply to supported housing or wider social housing, which was welcomed by the LGA. Laura asked that Members of the Community Wellbeing Board share any initial comments in response to the consultation and to give any further steer on the next steps proposed in the report. Laura emphasised that the LGA's overall concern was that supported housing continue to be fully funded in future and that supported housing markets can keep pace with demand.

In the discussion that followed Members raised the following points;

- Members expressed the view that the proposed actions were broadly welcomed.
- A concern was raised that supported housing was an area in which many local initiatives had been lost.
- A Member advised that it would be important to not be too rigid on the definition of short term accommodation.

#### **Decisions**

Members commented on the proposed actions in the report.

#### **Actions**

Officers to incorporate Members feedback into the response to the consultation and on the proposed actions in paragraph 20 of the report.

### **4 Better Care Fund**

Alyson Morley, Senior Adviser, introduced the report providing the Board with an update on developments on the Better Care Fund (BCF) and Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF), as well as the Care and Health Improvement Programme's support offer on delayed transfers of care. Alyson brought Members attention to paragraphs 17.1 – 17.4 in the report which outlines proposed LGA messages on the future of BCF and iBCF, in particular proposing a return to the original aims of BCF and to get rid of the onerous national assurance and performance management elements. Alyson asked the Board to provide comment and if they would endorse the proposed key messages.

- Members expressed views that the LGA should continue to focus on Social Care being properly financed and the personalisation of social care.
- A view was expressed that the range and complexity of care quality reviews was an issue that interferes with the day to day care work being carried out in local areas.
- Members broadly agreed with the proposed LGA message, views were expressed that the LGA lines in 17.1 and 17.2 could be stronger.
- A view was expressed that prevention must remain a focus.
- A Member expressed a view that central government needed to be provide a clear national strategy on social care.
- Alyson emphasised to Members that in every relevant media statement the LGA always stress their concerns over disproportionate DToC targets.

#### **Decisions**

The Community Wellbeing Board:

1. Noted the developments in relation to BCF and iBCF; and
2. Commented and endorsed the proposed key messages for the future of BCF outlined in paragraphs 17.1 – 17.4.

**Action**

Officers to incorporate Members comments into the proposed key messages.

**5 Update on Other Board Business**

Matt Hibberd, Senior Adviser, introduced the update paper to members of the Board. He informed the Board that the issues the carers strategy would have addressed will now be wrapped up as a part of the adult social care green paper. He also informed the board that the government no longer intends for the proposed the cap on care costs' to be rolled out in April 2020. Views were expressed by members that the adult social care green paper needed to not just focus on care of the elderly, but for all citizens with a care need.

Regarding the independent review of the Mental Health Act 1983 members emphasised the importance of properly funding mental health services and of early intervention.

**Decision**

The Community Wellbeing Board noted the updates contained in the report.

**6 Note of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

**Appendix A -Attendance**

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Vice-Chairman in the Chair	Cllr Linda Thomas	Bolton Council
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Richard Kemp CBE Mayor Kate Allsop	Liverpool City Council Mansfield District Council
Members	Cllr Nigel Ashton Cllr Gareth Barnard Cllr Liz Fairhurst Cllr Liz Mallinson Cllr Jonathan Owen Cllr Graham Gibbens Cllr Jonathan McShane Cllr Lynn Travis Cllr Shabir Pandor Cllr Paulette Hamilton Cllr Jackie Meldrum Cllr Rachel Eden Cllr Doreen Huddart Cllr Claire Wright	North Somerset Council Bracknell Forest Borough Council Hampshire County Council Cumbria County Council East Riding of Yorkshire Council Kent County Council Hackney London Borough Council Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council Kirklees Metropolitan Council Birmingham City Council Lambeth London Borough Council Reading Borough Council Newcastle upon Tyne City Council Devon County Council
Apologies	Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE Cllr Sue Woolley	Warwickshire County Council Lincolnshire County Council