

## **Community Wellbeing Board – from Cllr Ian Hudspeth (Chairman)**

### **Dementia**

1. In June 2020, the LGA made a submission to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Housing and Care for Older People inquiry into Housing for those living with Dementia

### **Health Inequalities**

2. On 23 June Councillor Sue Woolley chaired our very well received webinar on Using Marmot Principles to tackle health inequalities and Covid-19, with keynote speaker Professor Sir Michael Marmot. Over 800 delegates joined the webinar to hear from Sir Marmot, alongside presentations from Coventry and Bristol city councils on the practical steps they are taking to build healthier, fairer communities. Over 900 delegates dialled in and a recording and slides of the events are available [here](#).

### **BAME**

3. Last month the LGA responded to a Public Health England (PHE) report on the impact of coronavirus on Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups, the report highlights the work that still needs to be done to ensure BAME communities are not disproportionately impacted by coronavirus. There is clearly an increased risk to people from different BAME groups of being infected and dying from COVID-19 and there are many factors involved in this. Some of these are long-term, fundamental issues around health and society which need to be addressed, including housing and occupation.

### **Track and Trace**

4. We championed the crucial role of councils in the NHS Test and Trace scheme and supported the allocation of £300 million of much-needed funding. Recent clarity on how this funding will be distributed is helpful to councils in planning effectively, as they support the national roll-out of this scheme and support the development of their Local Outbreak Plans. We continue to work with government to ensure councils have the powers, flexibilities, data and long-term funding they need to maximise their capabilities, skills and experience and ensure the programme is run effectively and is sustainable.

### **Ageing**

5. In May the LGA participated in a Centre for Ageing Better roundtable on community responses during the COVID-19 pandemic. The roundtable was chaired by Ageing Betters Chief Executive Anna Dixon. The roundtable was an opportunity to share intelligence on local authority led community responses to Covid-19, particularly those working with people in later life and approaching later life, and identify some of the common issues that are coming up that we might be able to help address.

**Publications and correspondence**

6. Since the last Forum, I have commented on the following LGA press releases and external communications on behalf of the Board;
- 6.1. [LGA responds to Which? report on support for vulnerable people to access food](#)
  - 6.2. [LGA responds to latest Test and Trace figures](#)
  - 6.3. [LGA responds to Public Accounts Committee report on future PPE supply](#)
  - 6.4. [LGA responds to latest smoking habits figures](#)
  - 6.5. [LGA responds to launch of second phase of independent review into drugs misuse](#)

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