

Note of last Community Wellbeing Board meeting

Title: Community Wellbeing Board
Date: Wednesday 13 October 2021
Venue: Beecham Room, 7th Floor, 18 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Attendance

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

| Item | Decisions and actions |
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1 Welcome and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Cllr Sue Woolley, Cllr Tim Swift, Cllr Natasha Pantelic Cllr Jonathan Owen and Cllr Louise Gittins.

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Terms of Reference, Membership, and dates of meetings

Amy Haldane, Assistant Member Services Manager, set out how the Community Wellbeing Board operates and how the LGA works to support the objectives and work of its member authorities.

Decision

The Community Wellbeing Board agreed to note and agree their Terms of Reference for the 2021/22 year.

3 Priorities Paper

Mark Norris, Principal Policy Adviser, introduced the report outlining proposals for the Board's priorities and key areas of work, set against the available resources for 2021/22. He particularly brought attention to paragraph 5 regarding each policy board appointing an equalities lead advocate as set out by the LGA's Executive Advisory Board, where the report sets out priorities on the health and care bill as well as where it sets out the key public health issues they are working on.

In the conversation that followed, the following points were raised:

- Comments were raised regarding the improvement work on childhood obesity and advising it should be taken in other directions. Particularly that it should focus on key skills being taught to children such as cooking to improve their life chances. Paul Ogden, Senior Adviser, indicated he would pass comments on to the improvement team.
- Members emphasised the need to highlight the levelling up agenda

and to seize any opportunities this may present in the Board's priorities going forwards.

- Paul raised that the LGA would work with the Office for Health Improvement & Disparities and that a particular emphasis was being put on health inequalities.
- Regarding work on health and housing the importance of working closely with the LGA's Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board and to manage where work on this topic would take place to alleviate pressure on the Community Wellbeing Board was raised.
- A view was expressed that in future Members would like to see a priorities paper that more specifically sets out the difference the Board intends to make as well what unique contribution it can bring. It was emphasised this could be useful in maximising the impact the Board could have.
- Members raised that following the pandemic it would be crucial to keep a focus on mental health and the impact the pandemic may have had.
- In response to Members emphasising the importance of social care it was raised that until the Government fully responds to the request for long term core funding for social care it will remain extremely high on the LGAs agenda.

Decision

Board Members discussed and agreed the Board's priorities for 2021/22.

4 Update Paper on Other Board Business

Mark Norris, Principal Policy Adviser, introduced the other board business paper setting out other updates relevant to the Board, and not included elsewhere.

Paul Ogden, Senior Policy Adviser on Public Health, shared with Members that a webinar on Long Covid was being planned for.

Decision

Board Members agreed to note the Update Paper on Other Board Business.

5 Update on Health and Care Reform

Alyson Morley, Senior Adviser, introduced the report which gave an update on Health and Care Reforms. Alyson explained that the Community Wellbeing Board had received regular updates on Health and Care reforms, in particular the Care Bill, which was intended to reach the House of Lords stage of its passage before Christmas 2021. Government amendments on the Bill were expected but no details had yet been given. NHSE had produced non-statutory, pre-implementation guidance giving advice on transitioning between CCGs and Integrated Care Boards which

the LGA had contributed to.

Commenting on recent announcements, Sally Burlington, Head of Policy, welcomed the introduction of the care cap, new money for the care work force, the emphasis on unpaid carers and new funding for the disabled facilities grant however concerns about long term sustainable funding remained.

Sally introduced Tom Griffiths, Head of Strategy and Victoria Dare, Deputy Director Funding Reform Policy and Reform engagement who outlined their work on the Health and Care reforms and a led question and answer discussion.

Members expressed concern over immediate pressures facing the sector, Social Care vacancies, unrealistic perceptions following the funding announcements and the proposed increased powers of the Secretary of State to intervene on NHS reconfigurations.

Decision

Board Members agreed to note the Update on Health and Care Reform report.

6 Decisions and actions from the previous meeting

Members noted the decisions and actions from the previous meeting.

Appendix A -Attendance

| Position/Role | Councillor | Authority |
|-----------------|------------------------|---|
| Chairman | Cllr David Fothergill | Somerset County Council |
| Vice-Chairman | Cllr Paulette Hamilton | Birmingham City Council |
| Deputy-chairman | Cllr Sarah Osborne | East Sussex County Council |
| | Cllr Rosemary Sexton | Solihull MBC |
| Members | Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald | Peterborough City Council |
| | Cllr Angela Macpherson | Buckinghamshire Council |
| | Cllr Louise McKinlay | Essex County Council |
| | Cllr Judith Wallace | North Tyneside Council |
| | Cllr Karen Kilgour | Newcastle upon Tyne City Council |
| | Cllr Joanne Harding | Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council |
| | Cllr Rachel Blake | Tower Hamlets Council |
| | Cllr Mike Bell | North Somerset Council |
| | Cllr Sue Baxter | Bromsgrove District Council |
| Apologies | Cllr Jonathan Owen | East Riding of Yorkshire Council |
| | Cllr Sue Woolley | Lincolnshire County Council |
| | Cllr Louise Gittins | Cheshire West and Chester Council |
| | Cllr Timothy Swift MBE | Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council |
| | Cllr Natasa Pantelic | Slough Borough Council |

In Attendance

Victoria Dare
Tim Griffiths

LGA Officers

Sally Burlington
Mark Norris
Alyson Morley
Paul Ogden
Laura Caton
Emma Jenkins
Kevin Halden
Vanessa Lucas
Alex Saul