

Note of last Community Wellbeing Board meeting

Title: Community Wellbeing Board
Date: Wednesday 8 December 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

1 Welcome and declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Adult Social Care White Paper

The Chairman welcomed DHSC officials Victoria Dare and Dominic Woodward-Lebihan, and Simon Bottery of the King's Fund to the meeting.

The Chairman invited Sally Burlington, Head of Policy to introduce the item. Sally explained that the Government had published the social care reform white paper on 1st December which set out a 10 year vision for support and care for people in England. This was further to the October spending review and the social care levy and funding arrangements announced in September 2021. The LGA would publish a briefing for members on the white paper. Sally commented that it was positive that the white paper had been co-produced with the sector and people with lived experience and that it upheld the 2014 Care Act as the foundation for future reforms. The big issues were the funding backdrop, unmet and under-met need, measures to retrain and motivate the workforce, investment in prevention, and the assurance framework.

Dominic Woodward, Head of Adult Social Care Reform Engagement at DHSC explained that the white paper titled 'people at the heart of care' was the Government's aspirational response to what the sector had been lobbying for in recent years and it had consulted and engaged with over 230 organisations including think tanks, trade unions, providers of care, professional bodies, and academics. Dominic described adult social care reform as being on a journey, and said that the £5.4 billion announced in September would not be enough money to solve all problems face by the sector.

The white paper had three core objectives to provide;

- Choice, control and support for people to live independent lives
- Access outstanding and tailored care and support
- Fair and accessible adult social care for all

Of the £1.7 billion earmarked for improvement this included plans for £300 million to integrate housing into local health and care strategies, £150 million for tech and digital improvements, £500 million for training and qualifications for the workforce, £25 million for unpaid carers, £30 million for local area innovation, £5 million for a pilot on new ways to understand and access the care available, and £70 million to improve the delivery of care and support services.

Simon Bottery, Senior Fellow at Kings Fund, responded to Dominic's comments and said that the white paper was the last of four critical measures from Government on adult social care, the first three being the Health and Care Bill Build Back Better, and the Autumn spending review. Simon agreed that the vision and aspirations of the white paper was good and that most of the measures announced within it were positive but that the Kings Fund were not confident that it would provide the scale of change and extent of funding needed to transform the sector.

Much was welcomed in the proposals however it was noted by members that social care was in a crisis and the white paper and other measures would not resolve the current or future pressures. Members felt that the workforce strategy in particular was not sufficient and that bidding for small pots of funding was an inefficient way for government and local government to operate and fund national services.

Sally thanked the guest speakers for attending the meeting.

3 Health and Care Bill and Integration white paper update

The chairman introduced Alyson Morley, Senior Adviser, who gave a verbal update on the Health and Care Bill and the Integration white paper and advised that a meeting with DHSC colleagues was being arranged for a confidential briefing in January 2022.

4 Childhood Obesity

The Chairman welcomed Loretta Sollars, Deputy Head of Children Young People & Families, Office for Health Improvement and Disparities to the meeting and invited Vanessa Lucas, Children's' Health Adviser to speak to the report and introduce the presentation on Childhood Obesity which followed.

Decision

The Community Wellbeing Board agreed to note the update provided in the report.

5 The Local Government Vaccine Engagement Programme

The Chairman invited Andy Hughes, Director of Health and Wellbeing System Improvement, to introduce the item. Andy gave a presentation on the improvement programme to support the demand Team on the national NHSE Vaccination Deployment Programme which was developed jointly between the LGA and the Association of Directors and of Public Health.

Members thanks Andy for the work on the local government vaccine engagement programme. Members were concerned that there were fewer walk-in appointments for 'booster jabs' than had been made available for first and second vaccination appointments. Members also called for a vaccination hub to be established for long term sustainability.

Decision

The Community Wellbeing Board agreed to support the development of the Programme.

6 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.

Decision

The Community Wellbeing Board agreed to note the Update Paper on Other Board Business.

7 Business plan 2019-22: 2021 review and update

Mark Norris, Principal Policy Adviser, introduced the report which identified the main aims established by the Business Plan and had been agreed by the LGA Executive Advisory Board. The Community Wellbeing Board's work programme had been developed with the Business Plan in mind and was aligned to deliver on its objectives.

Decision

The Community Wellbeing Board noted the 2020/21 update of the 3-year business plan as the basis for work programmes over the coming months.

Action

The updated plan will be published on the LGA website.

8 Decisions and actions from the previous meeting

The Community Wellbeing Board 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 Sue Woolley | Lincolnshire County Council |
| | Cllr Louise Gittins | Cheshire West and Chester Council |
| | Cllr Karen Kilgour | Newcastle upon Tyne City Council |
| | Cllr Joanne Harding | Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council |
| | Cllr Natasa Pantelic | Slough Borough Council |
| | Cllr Rachel Blake | Tower Hamlets Council |
| | Cllr Timothy Swift MBE | Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council |
| | Cllr Mike Bell | North Somerset Council |
| | Cllr Sue Baxter | Bromsgrove District Council |
| | Cllr Wendy Taylor | Newcastle City |
| | Cllr James Moyies | Southend on Sea |
| | Cllr Chris McEwan | Darlington |
| | Cllr Miranda Williams | Greenwich |
| Apologies | Cllr Jonathan Owen | East Riding of Yorkshire Council |
| In Attendance | Victoria Dare | |
| | Dominic Woodward-Lebihan | |
| | Simon Bottery | |
| | Darshikah Velupillai | |
| | Loretta Sollars | |
| | Jessica Hill | |
| LGA Officers | Sally Burlington | |
| | Mark Norris | |
| | Alyson Morley | |
| | Paul Ogden | |
| | Laura Caton | |
| | Emma Jenkins | |
| | Laura Caton | |
| | Vanessa Lucas | |
| | Melissa White | |
| | Anna Morell | |
| | Giusy Agyegum | |
| | James Alexandre | |
| | Laura Johnson | |
| | Sophia Page | |