

## Note of last Community Wellbeing Board meeting

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**Title:** Community Wellbeing Board  
**Date:** Wednesday 25 July 2022  
**Venue:** Beecham Room, 7th 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 for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from **Councillor Jonathan Owen**, **Councillor James Moyies** was in attendance as substitute.

Apologies were also received from Alyson Morley, Senior Adviser.

There were no declarations of interest.

### PART B (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 2 Future commissioning arrangements for the Care and Improvement Programme

The chairman introduced **Andy Hughes**, Director of Health and Wellbeing System Improvement, to update the Board on the future commissioning arrangements for the Care and Health Improvement Programme.

#### 3 LGA Workforce update

The Chairman welcomed **Naomi Cooke**, Head of Workforce, to the meeting. Naomi updated the board on the relevant work being undertaken by the LGA's Workforce Team and discussed issues relating to the National Living Wage.

### PART A

The Chairman closed the confidential session and welcomed members of the Press to the meeting.

#### 4 Mental Health and Wellbeing Plan

The Chairman introduced **Kevin Halden**, Adviser, who introduced the LGA's response to the new cross-government 10-year plan for mental health and wellbeing in England.

In the subsequent discussion members suggested that the following points be addressed in the LGA's response:

- Low educational achievement and aspirations for low-income children.
- The link between poverty and poor mental health.
- Reference to the prevention concordat for better mental health and the future of digital mental health assistance.
- More emphasis on problem debt and the associated suicide risk.
- Informal carers, such as children of parents with mental health problems.
- The link between physical activity and mental health.
- Funding available to support this work is reliant on patchy funding frameworks, a more coherent commissioning framework is crucial.
- Define what good mental health is.
- Importance of green spaces.
- Co-production and design of local services - people who use services should be invited to participate.
- More emphasis on suicide prevention.
- Importance of prevention and early intervention.

It was also suggested that the Community Wellbeing Board works with other LGA policy Boards on this area.

### **Decision**

The Community Wellbeing Board agreed to note the report.

## **5 Health and Care Act update verbal update**

The Chairman welcomed **Mark Norris**, Principal Policy Adviser to give the verbal update on the Health and Care Act.

The Health and Care Bill had received royal ascent and the LGA had published a 'get in on the act' publication, a broad guide of what is in the act of relevance to local government. The act itself only provides a framework; secondary legislation to underpins the act will follow.

### **Action**

A discussion on Integrated Care Systems will be taken at the July 2022 meeting of the Community Wellbeing Board.

## **6 Disparities white paper and Khan Review on Smoking 2020 verbal update**

The Chairman welcomed **Paul Ogden**, Senior Adviser, to the meeting.

Paul gave a verbal update on the progress of the Disparities white paper which was due to be published in July 2022. It was expected that the paper would focus on prevention and disparities by ethnicity, socio-economic background and geography and address factors that effect people's health. There would be three major strands; obesity, alcohol and

smoking. The Government had also announced its intention to establish a health promotion taskforce to co-ordinate cross government efforts to improve the nation's health. The Levelling Up white paper also set the mission to narrow the gap in healthy life expectancy by 2030 and to give 5 extra healthy life years by 2035.

Following the 2020 Khan Review on Smoking, Government has announced its ambition to be smoke free (5 percent or less) by 2030. The yet to be published report was expected to state government's intention to raise the age of sale from 18 to 21, introduce a 'polluter pays' levy and licensing regime for tobacco products.

## 7 **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 on the agenda.

A view was expressed that the Community Wellbeing Board should progress work on tackling childhood obesity.

### **Decision**

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

## 8 **Beautifully ordinary lives**

The Chairman welcomed **Fazeela Hafejee**, Care and Health Improvement Senior Advisor, to the meeting.

Fazeela explained that following the next meeting of the Community Wellbeing Board on Wednesday 13 July 2022, members of the Board were invited to an event called Beautifully Ordinary Lives which would showcase people's lived experience of care.

Members noted that this would be an in person only meeting to encourage support and good turnout for the Beautifully Ordinary Lives event.

## 9 **Decisions and actions from the previous meeting**

The Community Wellbeing Board noted the decisions and actions from the previous meeting held on 25 May 2022.

**Appendix A -Attendance**

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr David Fothergill	Somerset County Council
	Cllr Louise Gittins	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Deputy Chair	Cllr Sarah Osborne	East Sussex County Council
Deputy Chair	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 James Moyies	Southend on Sea
	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 Chris McEwan	Darlington
	Cllr Sue Baxter	Bromsgrove District Council
Apologies	Cllr Jonathan Owen	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
In Attendance		
LGA Officers	Mark Norris	Principal Policy Adviser
	Paul Ogden	Senior Adviser
	Laura Caton	Senior Adviser
	Kevin Halden	Adviser
	Emily Hackett	Adviser
	Gill Leng	National Public Health Adviser
	Laura Johnson	Public Affairs Support Adviser
	Sophia Page	Digital, Campaigns and Marketing Adviser