

Note of last Community Wellbeing Board meeting

Title: Community Wellbeing Board
Date: Wednesday 13 July 2022
Venue: Smith Square 1&2, Ground 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, apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from **Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald, Karen Kilgour, Natasha Pantelic, Joanne Harding, Tim Swift and Mike Bell.**

Councillor James Moyies was in attendance as substitute.

Apologies were also received from Mark Norris, Principal Policy Adviser.

There were no declarations of interest.

PART B (CONFIDENTIAL)

2 Adult Social Care charging reform

The chairman invited Sarah Pickup, Deputy Chief Executive, to address the Community Wellbeing Board in confidential discussion.

PART A

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

3 Mental Health Act – DHSC update

The chairman welcomed Kathy Smethurst, Deputy Director, DHSC Mental Health Directorate and Jason Brandon, Mental Health Social Work Lead, to the meeting.

Kathy gave a brief overview of the draft Mental Health Bill which had been published on 27 June 2022 and outlined the next steps in its implementation.

Members expressed a view that any new burdens on councils be fully

funded.

4 End of Year Report

The Chairman invited Alyson Morley, Senior Adviser, to introduce the paper which gave a high-level summary of the work undertaken by the Board in 2021/22. In particular this included work on adult social care, public health, mental health, autism, learning disabilities and integration.

Alyson explained that the Community Wellbeing Board's ongoing focus would continue to be around the LGA's corporate priorities; adult social care funding reform, integration and public health and that these areas would continue to be priorities in 2022/23.

Members stressed the importance of prevention as well as the potential importance of future vaccination strategies. Members also expressed a view to work more closely with the Children and Young People Board on Children's Health and Mental Health.

Decision

The Community Wellbeing Board agreed to note the report and priorities for the 2022/23 meeting cycle.

Action

Officers will prepare a paper for the first meeting of the Community Wellbeing Board in 2022/23 on the work plan for that year, in line with Members' discussions. Officers will arrange a joint meeting with the Children and Young People Board to agree a joint work programme.

5 Update Paper on Other Board Business

The Chairman invited Alyson Morley, Senior Adviser, to introduce the Update on Other Board Business paper setting out other updates relevant to the Board, and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

Members updated the Community Wellbeing Board on their work undertake on behalf of the Board at LGA Conference, on the National Suicide Prevention Advisory group and the Health Devolution Commission.

Decision

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

6 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.

7 **Integrated Care Systems – Update on progress**

The Chairman welcomed City Regions Lead Members to the meeting.

Alyson Morley, Senior Adviser outlined the progress so far made on Integrated Care Systems and explained that the LGA was taking soundings on a regular basis through the Care and Health Improvement Advisors and Principal Advisors in the regions to pick up on intelligence and good practice. Despite concerns in some areas, it had been reported that in the majority of cases, Integrated Care Boards had gone beyond the requirement to have at least one local authority partner on their board. Alyson also highlighted the pre-implementation guidance 'Thriving Places' which the LGA had produced in collaboration with NHS England.

Members expressed concern about the impact of ICSs on Health and Wellbeing Boards as well as the cumbersome size of some ICSs, questioning how localisation of provision would be maintained. A potential lack of transparency and accountability was also raised.

Members praised the LGA for its work to remove the exemption of elected members on ICBs, which was a significant win.

Decision

The Community Wellbeing Board agreed to:

- note the progress on ICSs so far
- note the LGA policy lines on the role and purpose of local authorities and ICSs
- note the current support offer to local authorities with regard to ICSs.

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 Jonathan Owen	East Riding of Yorkshire 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 Chris McEwan	Darlington
	Cllr Sue Baxter	Bromsgrove District Council
Apologies	Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald	Peterborough City Council
	Cllr Karen Kilgour	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
	Cllr Natasa Pantelic	Slough Borough Council
	Cllr Joanne Harding	Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Rachel Blake	Tower Hamlets Council
	Cllr Timothy Swift MBE	Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Mike Bell	North Somerset Council
	Mark Norris	Principal Policy Adviser
In Attendance	Kathy Smethurst	DHSE Deputy Director
	Jason Brandon	DHSE Mental Health Social Work Lead
	Cllr Gillian Ford	Havering London Borough Council
LGA Officers	Sarah Pickup	Deputy Chief Executive
	Alyson Morley	Senior Adviser
	Paul Ogden	Senior Adviser
	Kevin Halden	Adviser
	Emily Hackett	Adviser
	Laura Johnson	Public Affairs Support Adviser
	Sophia Page	Digital, Campaigns and Marketing Adviser