

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

MONDAY, 16TH MARCH, 2020

Present: Mayor Glanville in the Chair, Councillor Caroline Selman, Councillor Andrew Kennedy

Officers in Attendance: Anne Canning and Dr Sandra Husbands

1 Introductions and apologies

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Bramble, Deputy Mayor Bramble, Dr Navina Evans, Raj Gupta, Tracy Fletcher, David Maher, Laura Sharpe, Dr Mark Rickets, Alistair Wallace, Rupert Tyson

2 Declarations of Interest - Members to Declare as Appropriate

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3 New Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board

3.1 The Board noted the appointment of Councillor Caroline Selman Councillor Andrew Kennedy as members of the Board

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

4.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

5 Action Log

5.1 The Board noted that all actions from the previous meeting had been actioned.

6 Community Voice

6.1 Abdi spoke to the Board on the inequalities in the Somali community. He told the Board that his focus was to start discussion on capturing real data in this regard. He referred to arrests of young Somalian boys, together with isolation and loneliness in the community. Further, anxiety was growing in the community as a result of the pandemic and inequality.

6.2 Mayor Glanville referred to the fact that these boys were not perpetrators. He considered that the Board could be a conduit to the EFT. He said that there was a need for community support and that grants and possible funding streams were available. Deputy Mayor Bramble told the Board that Somali boys continued to be seen as a problem and that there were mental health issues. Cllr Selman said that work was

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ongoing with the Newham and Tower Hamlets Councils on this matter and stressed the need for increased support. Dr Sandra Husbands stressed the importance of not leaving this ethnic minority group behind.

6.3 Jon Williams told the Board that integrated commissioning was currently involved with a good cross section of the community involved in the design of measures to address the issues.

6.4 Reference was made to the census test run and work with the Somali community in Hackney and Tower Hamlets and the need to state the importance of completing the census.

7 Questions from the public

7.1 Mr Maxwell stressed the need for increased use of plain English in a public meeting. He asked about the trial census. Cllr Selman confirmed this had been a test and that the data was not reliable. Details of numbers of people who responded online would be published.

7.2 Ida Scullios asked about accessibility to the Young Black Men Programme by black Africans and the Asian community. Mayor Glanville stressed that the strategy in place was to give a voice to these young people who feel isolated. Deputy Mayor Bramble referred to the important strategy that was in place. She stressed the need to support the community and focus on the young black men's strategy. Dr Sandra Husbands confirmed that efforts would be made internally to ensure that these black Africans were supported.

8 Role of the Health and Wellbeing Board in promoting health in all policies (For discussion)

8.1 The Board was asked to consider adopting a HiAP approach, becoming the strategic policy forum for health improvement and health inequalities. The board was also recommended to consider taking a number of actions to put this in place.

8.2 The Chair, Mayor Glanville, told the Board that the proposals had been endorsed by the CCG.

8.3 Dr Sandra Husbands referred to the statutory nature of the Board and that the approach gave the opportunity to focus on key issues including the wider determinants of health and how to improve health through, e.g. housing and environmental strategies.

8.4 Councillor Kennedy endorsed the proposals with the Board having responsibility for strategy and ensuring that there were proper mechanisms for monitoring the provision of services. The Chair supported this view, referring to the need for interacting evidence based strategies and the need to refresh the current system.

8.3 Jon Williams commended the report and asked for public engagement on it.

8.4 Anne Canning asked that the role of the Board in holding service providers to account be specified and the need for effective change.

RESOLVED:

1. To agree a set of principles for HWB partnership work – learning from Marmot or from the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (2015) Wales (Welsh Government, 2015)
2. To adopt a HiAP partnership resolution, committing to identifying and pursuing opportunities to improve health and reduce inequalities, through coordinated action on named, wider determinants of health,
3. To prepare a new joint health and wellbeing strategy focused on wider determinants of health
4. To review the approach to preparing and publishing the joint strategic needs assessment, to ensure it supports the HiAP approach and provides information on health equity
5. To create a work plan for the board, to include overseeing action against relevant strategies, reviewing these through the lenses of health equity and the board's adopted principles
6. To publish an annual report on progress

9 Project proposal to develop a health and Wellbeing Board dashboard (For discussion)

8.1 The Board was asked to consider whether the indicators met the aim of informing about health outcomes across the life course, to discuss how these indicators align with the Council's strategic priorities across the departments, programmes and policies and to propose changes to the list of indicators, if applicable.

8.2 The Chair stressed the importance of breaking down and considering demographics, with an emphasis on improving health for all and engaging with partners on the indicators. Councillor Selman stressed the need to focus on a range of indicators that would widen the data available. Councillor Kennedy endorsed the paper and stressed the importance of the role of the Board in monitoring how services are provided.

8.3 Jon Williams endorsed the report and expressed the wish that the public engage with it.

RESOLVED:

To endorse the approach set out in the report.

10 Revised Terms of Reference

9.1 The Board considered the draft terms of reference. Sandra Husbands stated the need to discuss the terms of reference with partners. Jon Williams clarified that the Hackney Health watch chair was the representative on the Board. Ida stressed the need to take account of the voice of the voluntary sector was emphasised.

RESOLVED:

To agree the terms of reference.

11 Future Plans for Health and Wellbeing Board development

10.1 The Board was asked to enable the HWB to develop through implementing a work programme for the board and reviewing its governance and terms of reference and to consider engaging with further, bespoke development support from the Local Government Association. It was agreed to note the report with further consultation with partners on it.

RESOLVED:

To note the report

12 Any other business that the chair considers urgent

Covid 19

11.1 Dr Sandra Husbands updated the Board on Covid 19, stating that the number of people who had contracted the virus in the Borough was low. Plans were in place, based on and reflecting the flu pandemic plan. Dr Sandra Husbands told the Board that good strategic and operational plans were in place to deal with the pandemic. Engagement was taking place with partners on a weekly basis. Preparations were being made for a volunteer hub. Dr Husbands told the Board that clear guidance was awaited on accessing services. Jon Williams asked if this would be available in community languages. Dr Husbands told the Board that a number of these had already been translated. The Mayor told the Board that the Council would evolve and listen on this matter.

13. Dates of Future Meetings

13.1 The Board noted the dates of future meetings.

Duration of meeting: 4 – 5:30pm

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