



To be submitted to Council at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 2.00pm**

### **Present:**

Councillor Shreeve (in the Chair)  
Councillor Cracknell  
Councillor Wheatley

### **Board Members in attendance:**

- Katie Brown (Director of Adult Social Services)
- Tony Gaskins (Citizens Advice)
- Tracey Good (Chief Executive Centre4)
- Diane Lee (Director of Public Health)
- Anne-Marie Matson (Director of Children's Services)
- Tracy Slattery (Healthwatch)

### **Also in attendance:**

- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Jan Haxby (Strategic Programme Director Children & Young People NEL Health and Care)
- Diane Halton (Associate Director of Public Health)
- Lindsay Hudson (Public Health Registrar)
- Mike Waites (Centre 4)
- Julie Walmsley (Doorstep)

## **HWBB.22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillor Jackson, Rob Walsh, Dr Melton, Helen Kenyon and Carolina Borgstrom.

## **HWBB.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made with regard to any items on the agenda for this meeting.

## **HWBB.24 MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the minutes from the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were agreed as an accurate record.

## **HWBB.25 WIDER DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH**

The board received a presentation around the theme of money and resources which included the household support fund, warm spaces, community cooking classes, continuing support and initiatives/plans.

Mr Gaskin from Citizens Advice Bureau gave a presentation on how the services was tackling problems with debt or housing, or helping with benefits and employment advice, Citizens Advice services take practical action to address the social and economic determinants of health that can reduce both the health inequality gap and demand on health and social care services

The board required fuel poverty and were surprised that the number of people unable to afford to top up their prepayment meter had decreased. Mr Gaskin explained that being able to change to energy supplier had made a difference although fuel debt was the third highest debt enquiry received by the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Ms Lee welcomed the presentation and that it demonstrated the health inequality across the borough.

A board members asked Mr Gaskin if the total amount of unclaimed benefits was known. Mr Gaskins explained that nationally the figures were shocking with over £20 billion unclaimed benefits

Referring to poverty indicator what measure was used to quantify poverty. Mr Gasking confirmed that they look whether or not people have got money to pay bills and live comfortably.

The Chair felt there wouldn't be a solution for everyone there any many things that we can do to help for example the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG), Council tax discount, pensions credits. As a board it was important to ensure we don't forget to regularly promote this support.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

## **HWBB.26 DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGY UPDATE**

The board received a report providing an update on the progress relating to the domestic abuse strategy and the public health approach.

The Chair welcomed the new domestic abuse provision and felt it was important for the area together with the introduction of the perpetrator programme..

A board member queried how the probation service were being used in these cases. Ms Halton explained that it was unclear and that there was work to do around developing a road map of pathways into the perpetrator programme. She highlighted that the public health approach for people to be empowered to report domestic abuse and work with schools.

Ms Matson felt a needs assessment would be helpful to define what NEL needs and upskill the workforce and partners around spotting and reporting concerns around domestic abuse and that it was important to work with children so trigger incidents don't develop when they become adults

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **HWBB.27 SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24 BRIEFING**

The Board received an update on the Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2023/24.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

## **HWBB.28 CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

The Board received an update on the work programmes, sub boards and terms of reference.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

## **HWBB.29 FOR INFORMATION ITEMS**

The Board received a verbal update on the Local Government Association support that will be provided the Health & Wellbeing Board.

The board received a presentation updating them on the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

The Chair requested that the presentation slides be circulated so that members can provide feedback.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the updates be noted.
- 2) That the Health and Wellbeing Strategy update presentation be circulated to the board for feedback.

### **HWBB.30 URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair confirmed that due the timing of this meeting and the deadline to NHS England he had approved the Better Care Fund latest submission as the Chair of the Board and Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care. The board approved this decision and it was noted that future submissions would continue to come through the board.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 3.25 p.m.