

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Friday, 28 November 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held at Guildhall on Friday, 28 November 2014 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Revd Dr Martin Dudley (Chairman)
Deputy Joyce Nash (Deputy Chairman)
Ade Adetosoye
Deputy Billy Dove
Jon Averbs
Superintendent Norma Collicott
Glyn Kyle
Vivienne Littlechild
Dr Gary Marlowe
Simon Murrells
Jeremy Simons

In Attendance

Deputy Michael Welbank
Dr Yvonne Doyle

Officers:

Natasha Dogra	Town Clerk's Department
Laura Donegani	Town Clerk's Department
Deborah Cluett	Comptrollers and City Solicitors
Neal Hounsell	Community and Children's Services Department
Chris Pelham	Community and Children's Services Department
Jacquie Campbell	Community and Children's Services Department
Lorna Corbin	Community and Children's Services Department
Dr Nicole Klynman	Community and Children's Services Department
Simon Cribbens	Community and Children's Services Department
Sarah Thomas	Community and Children's Services Department
Derek Read	Department of the Built Environment
Doug Wilkinson	Department of the Built Environment
Ruth Calderwood	Markets and Consumer Protection

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Gareth Moore, Dr Penny Bevan, Paul Haigh and Neil Roberts.

2. DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The Chairman declared that he was a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers. Mr Glyn Kyle declared that he was a Board Member of London Travel Watch.

3. **MINUTES**

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as an accurate record.

4. **LONDON HEALTH COMMISSION REPORT: BETTER HEALTH FOR LONDON**

Members welcomed Yvonne Doyle, London Regional Director for Public Health England who informed Members that the London Health Commission's aspirations for London were:

1. Give all London's children a healthy, happy start to life.
2. Get London fitter with better food, more exercise and healthier living.
3. Make work a healthy place to be in London.
4. Help Londoners to kick unhealthy habits.
5. Care for the most mentally ill in London so they live longer, healthier lives
6. Enable Londoners to do more to look after themselves.
7. Ensure that every Londoner is able to see a GP when they need to and at a time that suits them.
8. Create the best health and care services of any world city, throughout London and on every day.
9. Fully engage and involve Londoners in the future health of their city.
10. Put London at the centre of the global revolution in digital health.

The report had been very well received by the London Assembly at a recent meeting with very positive comments regarding the report and its implications for London. Members were informed that in comparison to Paris and New York, London was leading the way in improving air quality. Members agreed that this was very promising, and that more work must now be done to improve other areas such as obesity. Members noted that New York had the ability to locally increase tax levels on certain fast foods, which is not possible in London. Discussions ensued regarding the importance of the provision of nutritious schools meals for children.

Members noted that Health and Wellbeing Boards in England must take a responsible and robust approach to implement the recommendations of the report. Officers agreed to action recommendation 8 regarding encouraging members of the public to walk more. Officers agreed that the onus must be placed on Local Authorities and schools to tackle issues such as health and wellbeing.

Members of the Board agreed that while the provision of digital 'apps' was useful for children and young people, the older generations still appreciated talking about their health and wellbeing rather than using technology.

The Chairman of the Board thanked Dr Yvonne Doyle for a useful presentation and for attending the meeting. A report will be brought to the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board outlining which recommendations the City Of London Corporation intends to take forward, with initial plans for doing so.

5. **EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE - MEMBERS' BRIEFING**

Members were informed that the Ebola virus disease (EBV), previously known as Ebola haemorrhagic fever, was a rare but severe disease which is caused by Ebola virus. It can result in uncontrolled bleeding, causing damage to the patient's vital organs. The virus was initially transmitted to people from wild animals and spreads in the human population through human-to-human transmission through contact with blood and body fluids.

Officers informed Members that the overall risk to the general UK population continued to be low. The virus is only transmitted by direct contact with the blood or body fluids (such as blood, saliva or vomit) of an infected person. There were no cases identified in the UK at present so there is no risk of contracting the disease in the UK.

Officers informed Members that while the risk levels of an Ebola outbreak in England were very low the chances of contracting swine flu were slightly higher due to the disease being contracted by droplets such as sweat and spit.

6. **WORKPLACE HEALTH CENTRE**

Members noted that tobacco control, substance misuse and health checks were already being provided for workers at a number of diverse locations in the City, but to bring them together with other preventative services such as stress counselling, physiotherapy, inoculations, minor injuries and sexual health services in a single, well publicised location was an opportunity to deliver a wider range of services more efficiently and effectively.

Resolved: That Members noted the project proposal and agreed the next steps:

1. Conduct space planning, cost assessment and a building survey to clarify the potential of the mezzanine as a workplace health centre and to enable a viability appraisal to be undertaken.
2. Take the proposal to the next stage (report to Gateway 3/4 – Options Appraisal) including consideration of the proposal alongside a commercial redevelopment option.

7. **DRAFT CITY OF LONDON AIR QUALITY STRATEGY 2015 - 2020**

Members noted that an Air Quality Strategy in 2011 and the strategy, approved by the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee in March 2011, expired in 2015.

A draft air quality strategy for 2015 through to 2020 had been produced and was appended to this report. It contained 59 actions grouped into 10 key policy areas for improving air quality and reducing the impact of air pollution on public health. Members agreed that the World Health Organisation levels should be included in all graphs and charts in the consultation to allow comparisons to be drawn.

Members informed Officers that the Policy had started prior to the Health and Wellbeing Board's existence and therefore required revision to ensure the

Board was properly referenced and that the Director of Public Health was included in all relevant consultations.

Resolved: That Members approved the draft air quality strategy for consultation until 31 January 2105.

8. **CITY OF LONDON DEMENTIA STRATEGY UPDATE**

Members noted that the Dementia Strategy responded locally to the Prime Minister's 'Dementia Challenge' by establishing a City-specific approach to caring for our residents whilst tapping into the rich diversity of our community. The aim of the strategy was to provide a responsive, high quality, personalised dementia service meeting the needs of residents of the City of London.

It was underpinned by 10 strategic objectives which form the basis of our Action Plan:

- Improve public and professional awareness of dementia and reduce stigma
- Improve early diagnosis and treatment of dementia
- Increase access to a range of flexible day, home based and residential respite options
- Develop services that support people to maximise their independence
- Improve the skills and competencies of the workforce
- Improved access to support and advice following diagnosis for people with dementia and their carers
- Reduce avoidable hospital and care home admissions and decrease hospital length of stay
- Improve the quality of dementia care in care homes and hospitals
- Improve end of life care for people with dementia
- Ensure that services meet the needs of people from vulnerable groups.

9. **UPDATE REPORT**

Members noted the overview of key updates on the below subjects:

Local updates

- Royal Society of Public Health Award
- London Healthy Workplace Charter
- Reading Well Books on Prescription
- Thames Strategy
- Environmental enhancement strategies
- JSNA City Supplement: Communication and dissemination plan.

Policy updates

- Public health
- Health and social care services
- Voluntary sector
- Obesity and physical activity
- Mental health
- Dementia
- Children and young people
- Older people.

Members raised concerns regarding a recent increase in the number of people suffering from dementia being targeted by scams. Officers agreed that the number of cases had risen recently and that the Adult Safeguarding Sub Committee would be investigating this at their subsequent meetings.

Members thanked Mr Simons for attending the Royal Society of Public Health Awards to collect an award of the three year RSPH Health and Wellbeing Award for Business Healthy Programme on behalf of the City of London Corporation. Members agreed that this achievement should be included in the Court of Common Council Prizes report. The Town Clerk agreed to action this.

10. HEALTHWATCH REPORT

Members noted that on 15 October Healthwatch City of London partnered with the City of London Social Care team to run an event for the Notice the Signs campaign – designed to encourage City residents and organisations to work together to keep children and adults safe. There were 30 attendees who met together for an informal afternoon discussions on noticing the potential signs of safeguarding issues. Attendees were able to spend time with social workers from both the children’s and adults’ team and were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any concerns following the presentations and case studies presented.

The incoming Chair Glyn Kyle was introduced to Members. Glyn Kyle would be replacing Sam Mauger as the representative for Healthwatch City of London at the Health and Wellbeing board meetings. Members placed on record their gratitude to Sam for all of her work both at Board meetings and development days and thanked her for all of her input.

Members noted that Healthwatch City of London had been in discussions with Barts Health NHS Trust to assist in communicating their work on the centralised appointments system for all outpatient bookings across their hospital sites and services. This was expected to take around four to six months to implement fully and we will keep residents updated on the progress of this in future newsletters.

11. ITEMS PLACED ON THE HIGHWAY (STREETS AND PAVEMENTS)

Members noted that the report considered the adoption of a policy to enable the safe management of footpaths and the street environment in a proportionate manner.

The comments received from Members following a recent report relating to “A” boards indicated that the issues being experienced on the City’s streets were wider than just “A” boards. One of the issues was around the management of dealing with a variety of different items placed on the highway, including inappropriately parked cycles, newspaper and leaflet stalls and tables and chairs as well as “A” boards.

The Assistant Director of Street Scene and Strategy advised that comments received from Members following a recent report indicated the issues being

experienced on the City's streets were wider than just 'A' Boards, which was agreed with by Members of this Committee. Members noted that small businesses required better signage in their area to advertise their location to customers, which would prevent the need for them to deploy 'A' Boards on the walkway at their entrance.

In relation to the City of London Footway Guidance, a Member noted that the requirement for a minimum of 2 metres of unobstructed width was still too narrow for busy City streets. The Assistant Director of Street Scene and Strategy advised that this distance was a requirement for the narrowest point but the Guidance note could be reviewed.

12. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There was no urgent business.

14. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

MOTION - That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

15. NON PUBLIC MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

16. BI-ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Members received the report of the Director of Community and Children's Services.

17. NON PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE BOARD AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 1.00 pm

Chairman