

TO: **POLICE COMMITTEE**

12<sup>th</sup> July 2018

FROM: **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## **SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTION PLAN (ANNUAL UPDATE)**

Members noted the progress on the City of London Suicide Prevention Action Plan which is a jointly produced document between the City of London Corporation and the City of London Police.

In response to a query Members noted that following the transfer of public health from the NHS to local government in April 2013, suicide prevention became a local authority led initiative involving close collaboration with the police, clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), NHS England, coroners and the voluntary sector.

Officers informed the Board that suicide is one of the top twenty leading causes of death for all ages worldwide. Suicide is a major issue for society and a serious but preventable public health problem. Suicide can have lasting harmful impact economically, psychologically and spiritually on individuals, families, and communities. While its causes are complex and no strategy can be expected to completely prevent suicide there were actions that could be taken to reduce the number of suicides in the City of London Members had previously discussed the use of CCTV cameras along bridges in London to deter anyone from committing suicide.

Board Members were disappointed that cameras had not yet been positioned on bridges; the Chairman agreed to speak with the Chairman of the Police Committee regarding the matter. Discussions ensued regarding the slow progress and lack of monitored CCTV cameras erected around the city. A motion was proposed and seconded that a resolution be submitted to the Police Committee highlighting the Board's disquiet regarding the matter.

The Board agreed that there was much that could be done to ensure that we reduce the likelihood of suicide and to ensure support is available for people at their most vulnerable.

Resolved – that the resolution be submitted to the Police Committee to be considered at their meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018.