

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Friday, 26 April 2019

Minutes of the meeting held at Guildhall at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

Randall Anderson

Gail Beer

Matthew Bell

Marianne Fredericks

Deputy Joyce Nash - *in the Chair until the election of Chairman*

Dr Gary Marlowe

Jeremy Simons

In Attendance

Officers:

Farrah Hart

- Community and Children's Services

Simon Cribbens

- Community and Children's Services

Ellie Ward

- Community and Children's Services

Xenia Koumi

- Community and Children's Services

Ruth Calderwood

- Markets and Consumer Protection

Kate Smith

- Town Clerk's Department

Julie Mayer

- Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Jon Averbs, Andrew Carter and Dr Susan Milner.

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

There were no declarations.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Board elected a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 29.

RESOLVED, That – being the only Member willing to serve, Marianne Fredericks be elected as Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board for the ensuing year.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

In accordance with Standing order 30, Deputy Joyce Nash, the immediate past Chairman, exercised her right to be Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

Deputy Nash commended the new Chairman for her stoic support as Deputy Chairman and congratulated her on her appointment.

VOTE OF THANKS

It was moved by Marianne Fredericks, seconded by Randall Anderson and RESOLVED, that - the Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board place on record their sincere appreciation to their retiring Chairman,

DEPUTY JOYCE NASH

for her unstinting commitment to fulfilling the physical and mental health and wellbeing needs of all City residents and workers.

Since Joyce's election as Chairman in 2016, and through the Board's productive partnership work, a number of ambitious and essential projects have been launched and implemented. To name but a few; the Social Wellbeing Strategy, Suicide Prevention Action Plan and the Business Healthy Strategy; notwithstanding the Board's invaluable work in overseeing adult safeguarding.

In order to support the health and social care integration agenda, Joyce's Chairmanship has overseen the preparation of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the production of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and, looking to the future, the Board is now well placed to support the National Health Service's long term plans, working alongside its partners. Joyce has always shown flexibility, compassion and professionalism to both this and other complex, emotive issues.

Finally, the board wishes to place on record its recognition of Joyce's dedication to the wellbeing of the City's workers and residents and the Board's achievements are evidence of her exemplary work ethic and compassionate nature. Her colleagues would like to convey their gratitude and best wishes for the future.

5. ORDER OF THE COURT

Members received the Order of the Court of Common Council dated 25 April 2019 appointing the Committee and approving its Terms of Reference.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that – the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2019 be approved as a correct record.

Matters arising

Members noted that work was on-going in respect of defibrillators.

7. INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING BOARD UPDATE

Members received a presentation from the Integrated Programme Manager and, during the discussion and questions, the following points were noted:

- The new Primary Care Networks and the importance of its alignment with the emerging neighbourhood model.

- There were concerns expressed about the size of the neighbourhood and whether the City might be at a disadvantage? Officers advised that a bespoke operational model would be developed around the Neaman Practice, given that the City had its own social care and reablement services and different voluntary sector services. However, this would still be part of a wider neighbourhood, which could enable more local provision of community and specialised services, thereby reducing the need for the City residents to travel for treatment. Officers agreed to discuss this further with Healthwatch, outside of the meeting.
- There was currently just one City resident on the Patient Panel and, in order to fully articulate the City's needs, Members would like to see this increased.
- There were currently three City of London Corporation Members on the Integrated Commissioning Board, as a Sub Committee of the Community and Children's Services Committee.
- Work was underway on cross-border issues and their importance in terms of the development of integrated care in the City of London.

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8. REVIEW OF FOOD DESERT RESEARCH IN PORTSOKEN 2007

Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services in respect of the potential existence of a 'Food Desert' in the Portsoken Neighbourhood. Members noted that, in 2007, research had concluded that residents in this area struggled to access healthy and affordable food.

Having recently reviewed and refreshed this work, Members noted that the position had improved and was likely to continue to improve as a result of planned regeneration of the immediate area. It cannot be said that a 'food desert' currently exists in Portsoken.

The Head of Corporate Strategy and Performance sought clarification as to how the City Corporation's Departments had contributed to the improvements (or whether they had at all); clarification of the statistics quoted in paragraph 4, to understand what the score allocated means, and asked for data on uptake of the healthy cooking classes described at paragraph 12. Officers agreed to provide more information.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

9. DRAFT ALCOHOL STRATEGY 2019-23

Members considered a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services which presented the City of London Corporation's draft Alcohol Strategy for 2019-23 for approval. Members commended a very good report, which outlined the main points in the Strategy, and summarised how it would be delivered and governed.

Members discussed how the City's residents' quality of sleep and general wellbeing could be affected by alcohol related anti-social behaviour. Members were concerned generally at the increasing number of licenced premises in the City and the availability of cheap, high-content alcohol in some areas. Officers advised that the Licensing Team were undertaking research on the City's night-time economy and this would shortly be published, to inform the Strategy's action plan. The officer agreed to check with the City of London Police as to whether we could have a target for reducing alcohol related call-outs.

RESOLVED, that :

1. The Draft Alcohol Strategy for 2019-23, as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.
2. The plan for consultation be approved.

10. CITY WORKER HEALTH RESEARCH

Members received a presentation from the Public Health Team which covered recent research into the health and wellbeing needs of City of London workers. Member noted that, going forward, this work would inform the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and help the City Corporation to engage with employees. The Head of Corporate Strategy and Performance advised that, as part of the Leaders of Tomorrow Business of Trust Alumni, research would take place into how best to engender a culture of trust within City businesses and offered to share the findings with the Board. Members asked if the slides from this presentation could be circulated. There was also discussion about the impact of modern workplace practices, such as the increasing use of technology, flexible and agile working on workers' health and wellbeing.

NB. Subsequent to the meeting, officers discussed how the recent City of London Corporation Staff Survey had covered the above issues. The findings had been circulated to Chief Officers, for discussion in senior leadership and team meetings, and action plans were being produced for the areas with the lowest satisfaction rates.

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11. DRAFT AIR QUALITY STRATEGY

Members received a report of the Interim Director of Markets and Consumer Protection in respect of the Draft Air Quality Strategy. Members noted that the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee had approved the draft Strategy for Consultation, at its last meeting on 5th March 2019, and the document would be presented to the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, for final decision, in July 2019. Members noted that, if they had any further comments, they could submit these before 12th May 2019.

Officers advised that, since publication of the agenda, the funding bids set out in the report; i.e. an increase in the air quality base budget to £99,000 and an application for 'Priorities Investment Pot' funding for £110,000 over 2 years, had been approved. There was a further update to the report in that the City Corporation would be supporting the Mayor of London in ensuring that air

quality, in over 90% of the Square Mile, met the health-based limit value and World Health Organisation Guidelines for nitrogen dioxide by the beginning of 2025.

There was some discussion about the pros and cons of electronic vehicles, in respect of the materials used to make their batteries and the fact that the cars were generally bigger and heavier. Members were advised that the draft Transport Strategy would be presented to the Planning and Transportation Committee the following week, with a key target being to reduce the volume of traffic in the City and improve the safety of pedestrians. Officers advised that, wherever road journeys were essential, clean vehicles would be used as much as possible.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted and the Health and Wellbeing Board continue to provide support for reducing the impact of poor air quality on public health.

12. DRAGON CAFE IN THE CITY- FUTURE FUNDING

Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services in respect of the Dragon Café. Members noted that work was underway on presenting a strong business case, in preparation for when the current funding expired in 2021.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

13. HEALTH AND WELLBEING UPDATE REPORT

Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services which provided update on local developments and policy issues related to the work of the Board.

In response to a question, Members noted the liaison between the hospital discharge service and social services care navigator, which ensured that City residents received the correct level of onward care. Members were reminded that, given the ageing City population, there had been an increase in more serious illnesses and, whilst most could be treated, there was a likelihood of recurrence, which affected the statistics and analysis.

Members noted the success of Operation Luscombe and the Chairman of the Police Committee had been asked to ensure that a representative from the City of London Police was present at future meetings.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

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

In response to a question, Members noted that the contract had been awarded, but not signed, for the new Mental Health Facility on Middlesex Street. Officers advised that a Gateway 3-4 report was due to be presented to Community and Children's Services and Projects Sub Committee in June/July 2019 and the facility was likely to open in Autumn 2019.

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

The Chairman had agreed to accept an item of urgent business in respect of the City of London Corporation's Sport and Physical Activity Strategy for 2019-23. Members noted that the Strategy was due to be presented to a number of Committees, for comment, before being presented to the Policy and Resources Committee, in its final form, for decision on 4th July 2019. As the report had been circulated late, the Chairman invited Members to forward any additional comments to the Town Clerk. During the discussion, the following points were noted.

- The report should mention Hampstead Heath and Wanstead Park and the national and local events they supported.
- The Strategy offered good opportunities to make use of open spaces for community activities. Therefore, the Open Spaces Committees ought to sign-off on the strategy, rather than just be consulted.
- Circulation should include Planning and Transportation Committee and the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee, which approve events on our roads.
- Whilst commending a joined up approach, in order to ensure smooth governance and monitoring, it would be helpful to see who was going to deliver the different aspects of the strategy.
- The current version was fairly high level and would benefit from more detail.
- It should provide activities for older people to help with fall prevention and it would be helpful to focus on how the different age groups would be targeted.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted

16. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

RESOLVED, 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 paragraphs 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act

Item No(s)	Paragraph No
17	1,2 & 3

17. **SUICIDE FIGURES IN THE CITY**

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

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no items

The meeting ended at 1.05 pm

Chairman

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