

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Friday, 16 July 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held at on Friday, 16 July 2021 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

Marianne Fredericks (Chairman)
Jon Averbs, Markets & Consumer Protection Department
Gail Beer, Healthwatch City of London
Matthew Bell, Policy and Resources Committee
Andrew Carter, Director of Community and Children's Services
Chief Superintendent Steve Heatley, City of London Police
Dr Sandra Husbands, Director of Public Health
Siobhan Harper, NHS City and Hackney CCG
Dr Gary Marlowe, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Ruby Sayed, Chairman of Community & Children's Services Committee

In Attendance

Claire Giraud
Andrew Trathen
Donna Doherty Kelly

Officers:

Chris Lovitt	- Deputy Director of Public Health
Chris Pelham	- Community and Children's Services
Leanne Murphy	- Town Clerk's Department
Andrew Buckingham	- Town Clerk's Department
David Evans	- City of London Police
Zoe Dhami	- Community & Children's Services
Douglas Trainer	- Deputy Chief Executive, Town Clerk's Department
Ellie Ward	- Community and Children's Services Department

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman and Director of Community & Children's Services started the meeting advising Members of the sad news that the previous Chairman, Deputy Joyce Nash, had passed away and heartfelt thanks was given to an esteemed Member and friend who would be greatly missed by all.

Apologies were received from Jeremy Simons and Mary Durcan.

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

There were none.

3. **MINUTES**

The public minutes and non-public summary of the meetings held on 4 and 7 May 2021 were approved.

4. **COVID-19 UPDATE**

The Board received an oral update from Officers relating to issues and matters concerning the Covid-19 pandemic.

Members were advised that incidence rates were increasing across London, with 40 cases in the City and hospital bed occupancy slightly increased, particularly in younger people. Vaccination uptake in the City was good for London, but there was still a proportion to go.

In response to a query concerning booster vaccinations in September for the elderly and vulnerable, Officers confirmed that a planning summit with all Partners would take place on 26 July to map out the delivery model of the booster programme. Boosters would be delivered from 16 September alongside an expanded flu vaccination programme.

A Member expressed concern for elderly and clinically vulnerable residents that had not received any vaccinations at all, and it was agreed that it was crucial to prioritise these people. Members discussed the practicalities of receiving vaccinations at home if desired and Officers stated that a homebased vaccine service was available to housebound people.

Officers confirmed that approximately 600 people had declined the vaccine and contact had not been made with 200 people in the City and Hackney. Members were interested to understand why a large number had declined noting there was still hesitancy even amongst the most in need cohorts. However, it was felt that some might have changed their minds since first offered and needed to be targeted with information to alleviate concerns. Officers were looking to pharmacists to provide assistance and make access easier; however, it was acknowledged that people could not be harassed.

With regards to how vaccinations were being advertised by the Corporation, it was confirmed that individual letters had been sent out, all community notice boards targeted, information was provided in newspapers, and online information from Healthwatch had been shared. A Member noted feedback that the City Corporation's website was not as accessible compared to other Local Authorities and offered to provide help and support to the Comms Team.

5. **CITY OF LONDON JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY REFRESH UPDATE**

The Board received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services providing an update on the development of City of London's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, including an overview of the King's Fund Workshop which took place on 21 May 2021. Members also received a presentation to aid discussions regarding the Board's next steps and a timetable on the strategy.

It was noted that the Health and Care Bill was recently approved by Government, which heavily referenced the statutory role of Health & Wellbeing Boards and the strategy. It was agreed the Bill should be heavily considered as part of the review. The joint City & Hackney strategy would also be used as a guideline for the Board and assist with its development to become the guardian for health and wellbeing for the City Corporation.

A Member welcomed a review of the Board's Terms of Reference, noting that discussions with Healthwatch England indicated that this Board was not as developed and did not have as much influence as Health & Wellbeing Boards in other Local Authorities. The Chairman concurred the Board needed teeth as a statutory body and committed to develop this work over recess with a proposal to come to the Board's September meeting. The Director of Community & Children's Services agreed to support discussions.

Officers highlighted the need to develop disaggregated data and research, and proposed the use of horizon scanning to gain greater insight, e.g. on the impacts of population, how spaces were used, building developments, etc, to give control over the health and wellbeing agenda. The piloting of peer researchers for developing the strategy was considered a good way to involve people. It was noted that training had begun but only one person in the City had joined up so far and Members were requested to advertise the peer researcher role, particularly in the east of the City. The Town Clerk agreed to share information with Members.

Members were supportive of an extended timeline for JHWBS to allow Officers to capture and engage with all communities (residents and workers) and develop the needed research.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- Note the report;
- Confirm the approach to the recommendation of a review of terms of reference for the Board;
- Confirm the approach and timetable for proposed completion of the 1st draft of the City of London Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

As per the presentation, the following recommendations were also approved by the Board:-

- Formally endorse the review of the City HWB terms of reference, as discussed at the April HWB workshop, with delegated authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, to advance work between meetings to meet the September P&R deadline;
- Formally endorse an extended development timeline for JHWBS, with delegated authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, to advance work between meetings. The

extended sign off date proposed is to line up with the May HWB meeting. by endorsing the extended development timeline, the Board will also formally endorse the separate development timeline to the Hackney JHWBS;

- Agree to using the development of the JHWBS to set the purpose and direction for the Board.

6. HEALTHWATCH CITY OF LONDON PROGRESS REPORT

The Board received a report by Healthwatch City of London providing an update on progress against contractual targets and the work of Healthwatch City of London (HWCoL) with reference to Quarter One 2021/22.

Members were informed that HWCoL had completed their Business Plan and had been sent to Officers for review. After a year, HWCoL were pleased they could now be more locally focussed and looking at local concerns.

The Chair thanked HWCoL colleagues for their support and assistance helping residents in the City be heard.

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

There were no questions.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no items.

9. 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 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

10. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2021 were approved.

11. SUICIDE PREVENTION UPDATE

The Board received a joint report of the Commissioner of Police and City and Hackney Public Health highlighting how the City of London Police, City of London Corporation and other agencies were responding to the recent number of suicides and attempted suicides in the City.

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

There were no questions.

13. **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 1.36 pm

Chairman

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