

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Friday, 17 September 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held virtually on Friday, 17 September 2021 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Marianne Fredericks (Chairman)
Randall Anderson, Court of Common Council
Jon Averns, 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
Jeremy Simons, Port Health and Environmental Services Committee

In Attendance

Diana Divajeva
Stella Okonkwo
Nina Griffith
Claire Giraud
Stephanie Cloughlin
Jonathan McShane

Officers:

Douglas Trainer	- Deputy Chief Executive, Town Clerk's Department
Leanne Murphy	- Town Clerk's Department
Chris Lovitt	- Deputy Director of Public Health
Amy Chapman	- Department of the Built Environment
Raynor Griffiths	- City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board
Ruth Kocher	- Department of the Built Environment
Robin Whitehouse	- Markets and Consumer Protection

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mary Durcan, Dr Gary Marlowe and Siobhan Harper (represented by Jonathan McShane).

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 meeting held on 16 July 2021 were approved.

Matters arising

Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy

The City of London Corporation is developing its Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2022-26 which looks at how a range of organisations including the Corporation, the NHS, the voluntary and community sector, businesses and communities can work together to improve people's health and reduce any health inequalities that exist. Residents and local communities are an important part of this process and over the coming weeks there will be a number of different engagement opportunities.

Partners are currently taking part in a peer researcher project which trains local residents to undertake surveys and focus groups with their local communities and networks to help shape the strategy. For more information concerning the peer research project or any other opportunities to help shape the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, contact:

DCCSStrategyPerformanceteam@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Terms of Reference report

Members were advised that the report was drafted, but it was decided that more time was needed to explore and address the statutory requirements of the Board. A placeholder concerning anticipated changes to the Board's Terms of Reference would be included in the Governance Report to Court whilst Officers continued to work on the report.

4. **COVID-19 UPDATE**

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

It was noted that there were lots of new strands coming in whilst the booster programme was being developed and other services effected by the pandemic were being reinstated. This required significant prioritisation.

With regards to queries concerning carrying out vaccinations at workplaces, Officers confirmed there were a number of organisations interested in hosting clinics. There was uncertainty over how well vaccinated staff were in the City, and surveys were being undertaken to see if workplace interventions were needed.

A Member enquired how the booster programme would work in the City and whether this would be combined with the flu vaccination. Members were advised that flu vaccinations would start in the next 2-3 weeks as there was a countrywide delay in its delivery. GP practices were working to make co-administration available; however, that person must have 6 months between the vaccination and booster which would make this not an option for some.

In response to whether Barts Hospital would continue to assist the elderly, Officers confirmed they had agreed to provide boosters to City residents. Members were keen that the booster be made available in as many places as possible.

5. **CITY & HACKNEY PUBLIC HEALTH INTELLIGENCE STRATEGY AND JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW**

The Board received a presentation by the London Borough of Hackney & City of London Corporation Public Health Team providing an overview on the City and Hackney Public Health Intelligence Strategy and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

Members were advised that the work was suspended due to the pandemic but would now continue. The work was largely driven by Public Health in collaboration with specialist help from other colleagues. It was hoped the new proposal would be ready to present at next Board meeting and hopefully receive support from Members and Officers.

Members were supportive of this important work and encouraged continued effective collaborative stakeholder engagement to capture valuable data.

6. **CITY AND HACKNEY SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20**

The Board received a report of the Independent Chair of the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board concerning City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019/20. Members were advised that the report was a statutory requirement and were provided with the year's key achievements and the priorities for next year.

In response to a query concerning Age UK London, Members were informed that their attendance was good, and they engaged well.

Members were concerned by the reported growing trend of self-neglect during the pandemic. A Member queried what the Board could do, in partnership with the City & Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board, to prevent self-neglect in the City and highlight issues. Officers confirmed this was a complex area and understanding what it meant was key as self-neglect was regularly misdiagnosed as something else, e.g. hoarding. Everyone was encouraged to raise awareness of signs and concerns in others, especially in cases after loss of partners or experiences of trauma. It was agreed that there was a need to work in collaboration in all areas to identify signs and triggers. Officers noted they were working with Kings College London and hoped to share the preliminary work in the future.

A Member questioned if there was any correlation with self-neglect and homelessness. It was acknowledged that self-neglect was prevalent in homelessness in addition to lots of other issues. There was a general assumption that all homeless people were self-neglecters due to their poor state, but this was not the case and there was a need to pull out differences and make this clear to practitioners.

A Member highlighted that hoarding was a key indicator of something wrong, but people often struggled to approach a friend or family member in this situation. It was highlighted that there should not be guilt for reporting concern and information could be found in the Safeguarding Adults Leaflet: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Dt6jUd7WITxvrWwffVuWIXE12GccSISa/view>, on the CoL safeguarding pages: <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/social-care-for-adults/safeguarding-adults> or the Hackney safeguarding page: <https://hackney.gov.uk/safeguarding-adults-board>.

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7. INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES

The Board received a report of the City and Hackney System Operational Command Group concerning Integrated Care Partnership Priorities.

Members were provided with context and key themes for the priorities, which was being developed by Partners and overseen by the Command Group. It was clarified that this was not an attempt for a new Strategy but was developed out of Covid peak infections to understand what was needed to address integrated care priorities.

In terms of the City Corporation's own focuses, the key actions for health inequalities and homelessness were pulled out. As the priorities were developed and incorporated further, this work would align with the Board's strategy and drive a refresh.

The Chairman thanked the presenters and the Board agreed to feed in as this work developed further.

8. CITY OF LONDON CONTAMINATED LAND INSPECTION STRATEGY 2021-2030

The Board received a report of the Director of Markets & Consumer Protection concerning the City of London Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy 2021-2030.

Members were informed that all feedback provided by the Board at its May meeting had been included in the final Strategy and the Environment Agency were happy with the amendments. Members were supportive of the Strategy.

9. 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 Two 2021/22.

Members were concerned by the difficulties accessing services due traffic, e.g. delays caused by the Old Street roundabout works and difficulty getting to Homerton hospital in general.

A Member enquired if Healthwatch were satisfied their responses to the draft city plan were being adequately addressed, e.g. showers for homeless people and delays from the roundabout. Members were informed that Healthwatch had not received a formal response to their comments noting that people felt strongly about reopening the public showers, could and the lack of access in the City to cheap, fresh food remained an important issue which would be helped by a veg stall. Members agreed residents were being overcharged and there was a need for more affordable options for resident population which was growing.

The Chair recommended more pop up food markets and saw the London Plan as an opportunity to re-evaluate the needs of the residential and student populations in the City.

The Director confirmed that there was a strategic aim not to provide showers and things that would encourage people to stay on the streets rather than in accommodation. With regards to food options, this had been raised on a number of occasions and Officers were bringing a report to the CCS Committee. It was noted that there were difficulties commercially attracting businesses such as Lidl and Aldi which in many cases were still not cheap enough, and food clubs were needed.

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

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

There were no questions.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no items.

12. 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.

13. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2021 were approved.

14. SUICIDE PREVENTION IN THE CITY OF LONDON

The Board considered a report of the Deputy Town Clerk and Chief Executive regarding Suicide Prevention in the City of London.

15. SECURE CITY PROGRAMME (SCP) - VULNERABLE PEOPLE WORKSTREAM

The Board considered a joint report of the Director of the Built Environment and Commissioner, City of London Police regarding the Secure City Programme (SCP) – Vulnerable People Workstream.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was one item of business.

The meeting ended at 12.56 pm

Chairman

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