

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD
Town Hall
20 December 2023 (13:00- 15:00)**

Present:

Elected Members: Councillors Gillian Ford (Chair) and Keith Darvill

Officers of the Council: Andrew Blake-Herbert (Chief Executive), Mark Ansell (Director of Public Health), Barbara Nicholls (Strategic Director, People)

HealthWatch: Ann Hepworth (BHRUT)

Also Present:

Dr Anthony Wakhisi
Dr Louise Dibsdall.

22 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair reminded members of the action to be taken in an emergency.

23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Oscar Ford, Cllr Paul McGeary, Tara Geere, Anne-Marie Dean and Paul Rose.

24 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

25 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

26 MATTERS ARISING

The Chair agreed to continue with the meeting, acknowledging that the board was not quorate. Decisions would be ratified at the next meeting.

27 FINDINGS OF #BEEWELL SURVEY

Report: **Findings of #BeeWell Survey**

Due to lack of time the Board agreed that this item would be added to the next meeting agenda

28 **GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO STOP SMOKING**

Report: **Proposed spending plan with additional government funding for stop smoking services**

Presented by: **Kate-Ezeoke-Griffiths, Assistant Director/Public Health Consultant**

The presentation outlined the spending proposal with additional Government funding for stop smoking services for 2024/25 in line with national guidance

The overview included the ambition of the local authority to reduce smoking in Havering. A discussion included the latest demographics of smoking in the borough, ethnic profiles, age when smoking begins.

The Local Authority will continue to work with schools on the dangers of smoking and the new issue of vaping by young people.

Clarity on number of pharmacies involved in the 'smoking cessation scheme', currently 5, but working towards enrolling a further 5.

A discussion was had regarding the spending timeline. Guidance has been sought.

The Board **noted** the content of the presentation, and agreed that the decision would be made at the next Borough Partnership as this meeting was not quorate.

29 **NEL JOINT FORWARD PLAN**

Report: **North East London Joint Forward Plan 2024-2025 Refresh**

Due to lack of time the Board agreed to the recommendations and if further decisions were required, the item could be presented to the next board and agreed via email.

- **Noted** why the JFP refresh is being undertaken and the approach being followed in order to deliver a refreshed NEL 24/25 JFP by March 2024
- **Noted** what has been collated thus far from all contributors (Appendix 1- Draft JFP 24/25)

30 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next meeting to be confirmed in the new year.

31 **STARTING WELL JSNA**

Report: **BHR JSNA 2023 – Demographics and Starting Well Chapters**

Presented by: **Dr Anthony Wakhisi & Dr Louise Dibsall**

Overview of Havering's demographics including:
Geography, Population, Health & Wellbeing, Housing and Economy,
previously covered in the 'This is Havering' document.

Data was presented, with current data levels in Havering compared with London and national levels.

Recommendations include partners considering facilities when planning i.e. childcare provision, health services, changes to ethnic balance which may impact health needs.

Important to note the issues particular to Havering are: growing population, diverse population changes, social prescribing to aid health issue prevention, homelessness, child poverty and deprivation. Loneliness should be a consideration in future policies and programmes.

Local Area Coordinators should be included in the programme going forward.

Overall from a London perspective, the prevention agenda needs to be more robust.

For information, at a recent meeting of London Councils, London Authorities will link all the housing directors to endeavour to reduce housing needs and homelessness

In 2024, Havering will refresh the Health & Wellbeing Strategy. Current focus on wider determinants to include population growth and impact change as a watching brief in terms of social care and the other services that support a healthy population in Havering.

A discussion was had on the funding from central government and the outdated formula being used. Havering Leadership will continue to meet with Government ministers to strive to ensure changes to our funding ratio.

"The Chair and Director of Public Health thanked Dr Dibsall for her work and wished her well for the future"

Recommendations

The HWB **noted** the first two JSNA chapters 2023-2024 and consider how the key recommendations may inform future publication of the board's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

32 **SUBSTANCE MISUSE STRATEGY**

Report: **Havering Combating Substance Misuse Strategy 2023-2028**

Presented by: Dr Anthony Wakhisi, Public Health Principal

A presentation was made on the final draft of the Havering substance misuse strategy.

The following are the key highlights:

The draft strategy was out for consultation between 18th September and 5th November 2023. Over this period we received feedback from 39 online participants, engaged with 2 service user groups and several stakeholders.

The final draft incorporating feedback from the consultation was presented on 11th December to CDP and endorsed for onward approval process.

A full report of the consultation and response is included as appendix to the strategy document. Also included is a an equality health impact assessment report.

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board

- considered the presentation content,
- **commented** and discussed the strategy document,
- **agreed** that a final draft strategy that takes into account consultation responses be received by the Health and Wellbeing Board or the Chair for a final sign off onward submission for approval by the cabinet meeting in March 2024

Chairman