

Meeting of the Full Council - 13 October 2022

Report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board Meeting held on 19 July 2022

Chair: County Councillor Michael Green

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Appointment of Chair

The Board noted that in accordance with the Terms of Reference, County Councillor Michael Green, as the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, had been appointed as Chair for the 2022/2023 municipal year.

Appointment of Deputy Chair

The Board noted that James Fleet, Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board had been appointed as Deputy Chair for the municipal year 2022/2023.

Constitution, Membership and Terms of Reference of the Committee

The Board noted the current membership and Terms of Reference for the 2022/2023 municipal year.

Happier Minds – Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing

The Board were presented with a report which outlined discussions supporting mental health and wellbeing by working with partners across the whole system. They were also provided with some background and noted that the World Health Organisation (WHO) defines mental health as a 'state of wellbeing in which the individual realises his or her abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, work productively and fruitfully, and is able to contribute to his or her community'.

The Board were informed that the impact of COVID-19, particularly self-reported mental health and wellbeing at a population level (including anxiety, stress and depression) has worsened during the pandemic and remains worse than pre-pandemic levels.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board endorsed:

- (i) The development and co-ordination of plans across partner agencies in addressing the risk factors and inequalities in mental health and wellbeing across the life course; and

- (ii) The establishment of a Lancashire Combating Drug and Alcohol Partnership to support the local delivery of the 10-year national drug strategy.

Urgent Business

The Board received an item of urgent business following the meeting of Lancashire County Council's Full Council on 14 July 2022 where it had been resolved that Lancashire County Council would:

- a) Provide for members a list of opening times and locations of publicly accessible County Council buildings that are free of charge and offer a warm and welcome place where people can keep warm and comfortable this coming autumn and winter.
- b) Ask District Councils to identify other locally based VCFSE (voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise) provision that offers similar support and for that list to be shared with members.
- c) Ensure such 'warm and welcome' public spaces should offer additional support and advice services to support individuals and families to access other services to alleviate food and fuel poverty.
- d) Place this resolution before the Lancashire Leaders and Health and Wellbeing Board meetings later this month, and work with districts to develop a deliverable plan as soon as possible and report on progress to September Cabinet with a view to reporting final arrangements to the October Cabinet with, where possible, all sources of funding for the scheme being identified at that meeting.
- e) Ask the Scrutiny Management Board to form a cross-party task and finish group with immediate effect to identify and adopt best practice, and work in delivering warm hubs and welcoming space schemes and report the same to Cabinet.

As part of the resolution, the Health and Wellbeing Board was asked to consider what contribution it can make to the discussions moving forward. It was noted that there was a significant amount that the Board can do with regards to this and in working with partners moving forwards.

Resolved: That the Board:

- i) Receive an update on the program which is being developed at a future meeting of the Board.
- ii) Agreed that the Chair/Lead Officer link in with the Scrutiny Task Group to speak to them in more detail on what the Health and Wellbeing Board can offer.