



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## **THE PLACE BOARD**

### **PART A - OPERATING AS THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**7th September 2020 at 2.00pm**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Cracknell (in the Chair)  
Councillors Jackson and Lindley

#### **In attendance:**

- Rob Walsh (Joint Chief Executive)
- Joanne Hewson (Chief Operating Officer)
- Bev Compton (Director of Adult Services)
- Dr Peter Melton (Clinical Chief Officer – CCG)
- Tracy Slattery (Healthwatch Manager)
- Julie Walmsley (Voluntary/Community Sector Representative)
- Diane Halton (Associate Director of Public Health)

#### **Also in attendance:**

- Zoe Campbell (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Jamie Dunn (CSSU Specialist)
- Murray MacDonald (Lincolnshire Housing Partnership)
- Phil Leake (Humberside Fire Authority)
- Ali Major (Signhills Academy)
- Mel Castle (Queen Mary Avenue Infant School)
- Pippa Robson (Sector Support)
- Gill Alton (Grimsby Institute)
- Karen Linton (Assistant Director for Skills)
- Mark Webb (eFactor)

## **HWBB.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence received for this meeting from Helen Kenyon and Steve Pintus.

## **HWBB.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

## **HWBB.3 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be agreed as an accurate record.

## **HWBB. 4 COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN**

The board considered the COVID-19 recovery plan. Ms Hewson spoke about the recovery plan and the focus on the services the Council were directly responsible for and where we needed to work with partners. She explained that the Council had changed its response in light of lessons learnt and had managed to mobilise, adapt the way we worked, and the use of technology and data was extremely important. The Council were starting to put things back into place for the services that had been suspended during lockdown. Ms Hewson praised the work of the voluntary and community sector for the joint working that had taken place.

Councillor Jackson explained that Cabinet approved the recovery plan and highlighted that it was an evolving document. He felt the plan helped to bring business activity back to normal. He took the opportunity to thank all officers and staff for their work during the initial response to the pandemic and the ongoing work to deliver the recovery plan. In terms of the financial position it was constantly changing, and he confirmed that the Council were receiving regular updates on additional money and had received more funding, which was welcomed.

Councillor Lindley welcomed the plan especially considering the increase in positive cases. He felt it was a robust plan and would help coming into an unknown period in terms of how the increase of cases would affect North East Lincolnshire.

The Chair explained that the recovery from COVID-19 was all about the different parts of the communities working together in partnership to help and support local people in the uncertain times and she was pleased with how effective this had been.

Ms Miller welcomed the report and from a partnership perspective she felt the recovery progress had been made rapidly in real terms.

Partnership working had been pushed forward to the benefit of the local people and we had a duty to continue to do that.

Mr Walsh confirmed that it would be useful for the board to receive a further update at a future meeting. The Chair requested the update go to the meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

RESOLVED –

1. That the plan be noted.
2. That the board receive a further update at its next meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

## **HWBB.5 COVID-19 OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Board considered the COVID-19 outbreak management plan and received a presentation from Ms Halton which gave an update on the plan, the budget and the current epidemiology.

Mr Walsh confirmed that there was a worry about compliancy which could result in an increase in the spread of the virus and this was the biggest risk. He explained that there was an increase in targeted messaging with younger people and therefore the communication was constantly adapting accordingly.

The Chair was concerned if there was to be a spread of the virus in care homes and welcomed the work that was taking place to keep residents safe. She thanked the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Care Trust Plus for their rapid response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

RESOLVED – That the plan be noted.

## **HWBB.6 URGENT BUSINESS - VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COVID 19 SUSTAINABILITY GRANT**

The Board considered a report that proposed to use the remaining voluntary and community sector funding from previous Health and Wellbeing grants to establish a sustainability grant.

This matter was considered urgent due to the need to allocate funding to assist the voluntary and community sector to provide support in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Chair went through the recommendations in the report. Ms Walmsley confirmed that the voluntary sector had mixed views on the recommendations because they had struggled to get money from the lost income schemes that were aimed at helping our grass root organisations. Ms Walmsley felt there needed to be a pause for thought before the money was allocated to allow a strategic view to be taken

because, if the grant was to be spilt up into small amounts, she felt it would dissipate the collective impact.

Ms Robson welcomed the funding going to small grass root organisations but she felt it needed a targeted approach to those organisations that had their income disproportionately affected by COVID-19. She was concerned about what happened when all the funding stopped. She welcomed the grant fund but felt there needed to be more thought about how the grant would be spent because some organisations were already in crisis before the lockdown. She felt it would be better to look at the anchor the organisations to ensure there was sustainability going forward.

The Board agreed the first recommendation in the report and requested that the other two recommendations be further worked on with the full input of the voluntary and charitable sector. Helen Isaacs, Director for Communities would be asked to arrange a meeting with the nominated representatives in the report to agree the criteria for the fund.

RESOLVED -

1. That it be agreed to use £250,000 previously ring fenced for VCS support to establish a new VCS COVID 19 sustainability fund.
2. That this board work with the voluntary and community sector on a short set of eligibility criteria to be drawn up and shared when the fund is promoted to the VCS sector.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 3.05 p.m.