



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLACE BOARD**

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

**5th July 2021 at 2.00pm**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Cracknell (in the Chair)  
Councillor Jackson

#### **In attendance:**

- Geoff Barnes (Deputy Director of Public Health)
- Rob Walsh (Joint Chief Executive of North East Lincolnshire Council and the North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group)
- Joanne Hewson (Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for People, Health and Care)
- Julie Walmsley (Voluntary & Community Sector)
- Tracy Slattery (Healthwatch North East Lincolnshire)

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

- Jonathan Evison (Police & Crime Commissioner)
- Murray MacDonald (Lincolnshire Housing Partnership)
- Zoe Campbell (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Jamie Dunn (CSSU Specialist)

### **HWWB.1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Councillor Cracknell was appointed as the Chair of the Place Board operating as the Health and Wellbeing Board for the municipal year of 2021/22.

## **HWBB.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence for this meeting were received from Councillor Lindley, Bev Compton, Helen Kenyon and Steve Pintus and Jane Miller.

## **HWBB.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Julie Walmsley declared a personal interest in agenda item HWBB.8 for her involvement in the business case for the Wellbeing Hub through her role as Chair of the VCS Alliance. Councillor Cracknell declared a personal interest in agenda item HWBB.8 in her role as a Director at Carelink.

## **HWBB.4 MINUTES**

RESOLVED - The minutes from the meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be agreed as an accurate record.

## **HWBB.5 COVID-19**

The Board received a verbal update on Covid-19 epidemiology across North East Lincolnshire. Mr Barnes confirmed that the infection rate was escalating week by week with delta being the common variant. The cases were mainly in hospitality, factories and within education settings. Higher case rates were amongst the younger age groups 11-24. He confirmed that getting the population to be double vaccinated was key to drive down the infection rates and reduce hospitalisation.

Mr Barnes explained to the board the vaccination programme that included targeted communication with the younger ages groups, drop in centres at various locations across the borough and in Freshney Place where no appointments were needed and door to door discussions with people who had not yet taken up the offer of a vaccine. He confirmed the death rate was extremely low however he felt that the increases in cases would peak soon and settle down once the schools broke up for the summer holidays and when more people received their second vaccines. Come the autumn he confirmed there would be another push for people to get booster vaccines ahead of the wintertime.

Mr Walsh asked if the Yorkshire and Humber region were on the same trajectory in terms of the number of cases. Mr Barnes highlighted that our region was one of the hardest hit with the delta variant spread which had spread across from the west. He confirmed that all local authorities were seeing a week on week growth in the number of cases.

Mr Evison queried how many people were in hospital at present with covid-19 who were not vaccinated. Mr Barnes indicated that emerging data suggested approximately 70% were not vaccinated 25% had received a single vaccine and 5% had been double vaccinated.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

## **HWBB.6 INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM**

The Board received a report on the integrated care system (ICS) that went to Cabinet on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 and the recommendations that were approved.

Mr Walsh explained that it would become clearer over the next few months the role of Place Board incorporating the Health & Wellbeing Board would play in the new integrated care partnership and he confirmed that he saw this as an opportunity to consider the role the board, its focus and develop a work programme around the ICS with a place based approach.

Councillor Cracknell highlighted that there was a lot of work going on across North East Lincolnshire and it gave the board chance to try with partners to influence and steer some of the issues that affected local people. She explained that between local government and partners they could make a difference to the determinants that affected local people's health and a real opportunity to hold providers to account and make a difference.

Councillor Jackson supported the change within the health sector and felt it was an opportunity to build on the foundation already established through the union to work with partners to improve the health outcomes of residents. He took the opportunity to thank all staff, colleagues and partners for the tremendous work that was carried during the pandemic.

Mr Macdonald referred to the different relationship that the ICS would bring and that it would strike the right cord for the place and he felt the devil was in the detail in what the ICS retained, how it commissioned, made direct awards and that relationships would evolve. He felt it was key to keep the focus on place to allow it to prosper and welcomed the next step to understand the role of the place board.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **HWBB.7 FEEDBACK FROM THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BOARD**

The Board received feedback from the Sustainable Communities Board. Mr Dunn explained that the board looked at its priorities for the next couple of years. The board felt that engagement within the communities and

amongst partners was key. The priorities that were agreed and would feed into the Place Board were:

- Champion the wellbeing hub
- Focus on the green recovery.
- Engagement
- Community Cohesion
- Social Action

RESOLVED – That the feedback be noted.

## **HWBB.8 PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A 'WELLBEING HUB' IN NEL**

The Board considered a report on progress of the proposal to establish a 'Wellbeing Hub' in North East Lincolnshire.

Councillor Jackson welcomed the proposal and he emphasised the importance of putting a mechanism in place to measure the outcomes for residents and understanding the genuine improvements that were made as a result of the wellbeing hub. Mr Dunn confirmed they were looking at how prevention could be measured and appreciated that this could be difficult.

Councillor Cracknell agreed it was important to work with partners to ensure that referrals were going into the hub with pace to ensure that residents were getting the help and support needed. Ms Walmsley confirmed that without clear outcomes and evidence that were being achieved they would be no further funding, so it was important to have clear measurable outcomes from the start.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the Board noted the progress to date on developing the business case.
- 2) That the Board noted that £200,000 has been made available to enable the setup of the hub and to plan in more detail for future phases.

## **HWBB.9 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE CREDIT UNION**

The Board considered a report that proposed an investment of £50,000 from the earmarked reserve for the Voluntary and Community sector to support the creation of a new base for the NEL Credit Union.

Mr Dunn explained the history of the credit union in North East Lincolnshire and that there was a need for a visible presence locally to increase membership and help residents through the grants. Throughout the covid-19 pandemic debt had risen and there was a demand for access to affordable credit.

Councillor Jackson sought reassurance that a local presence would increase membership and felt there needed to be more detail in a business case. Mr Dunn explained that it was Hull and East Riding Credit Union that would be setting up the base in Grimsby and that they had a different approach and structure. Mr Dunn confirmed that at this stage it was an agreement in principle and that a detailed business case would come to a future board meeting.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the report was noted and approved in principle
- 2) That a business case be developed and presented at a future board meeting before final approval was given.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2:47 p.m.