



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 16th September 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 and Community Sector)
- Tracy Slattery (Healthwatch North East Lincolnshire)

Also in attendance:

- Jonathan Evison (Police and 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, when operating as the Health and Wellbeing Board, for the municipal year 2021/22.

HWBB.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence for this meeting were received from Councillor Lindley, Bev Compton, Helen Kenyon, 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 Voluntary and Community Sector 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 meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on the 26th 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 (including 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 but 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 vaccination. 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 was submitted to Cabinet on the 23rd June 2021 when the recommendations were approved.

Mr Walsh explained that the role that the Place Board, incorporating the Health and Wellbeing Board, would play in the new integrated care partnership would become clearer over the next few months and this would be an opportunity to consider the role of the board, its focus and to 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 the 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 out during the pandemic.

Mr Macdonald referred to the different relationship that the ICS would bring and that it would strike the right chord for the place. 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 received a report on progress with 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 there would be no further funding, so it was important to have clear measurable outcomes from the start.

RESOLVED –

1. That the progress to date on developing the business case be noted.
2. That it be 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 North East Lincolnshire 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 the 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 - That a business case be developed and presented at a future meeting of this Board prior to any final approval being given to the proposed investment

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2.47 p.m.