

North Somerset Council

REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: 1 MARCH 2023

SUBJECT OF REPORT: UPDATE ON NEW WAYS OF WORKING FOR THE BOARD

TOWN OR PARISH: ALL

OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING: MATT LENNY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND REGULATORY SERVICES

KEY DECISION: YES

REASON: APPROVAL OF REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note progress in taking forward recommendations from the LGA review and recommendations presented at the October 2022 meeting.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report summarises progress against the ambitions set out in October 2022.

2. DETAILS

The report sets out how the Board will work in the future, but the notable changes proposed are:

- 1) An expansion of the Board membership to increase links with locality partnerships, community empowerment work, local placemaking activity and to the Police.
UPDATE: New invitations extended with the ability to invite guests to attend for relevant items/discussions.
- 2) Agreement that all Board members have the same voting rights when agreeing actions.
UPDATE: Terms of reference updated to this effect, noting that scrutiny chairs do not vote to retain independence in their scrutiny function.
- 3) A new system of formal (x3 a year) and informal appreciative enquiry meetings (number to be confirmed) be adopted to help develop understanding and insight through workshop style activity with clear recommendations for action.
UPDATE: The Operations Group has met to develop a framework for a priority list of topics. This will support delivery of the common priorities of the Locality Partnerships and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Action Plan.

- 4) Setting up a new Microsoft Teams channel for all members of the Board to be able to share information and communicate well outside of meetings.
UPDATE: Technical solution being investigated to enable sharing across all organisations with appropriate information governance in place.
- 5) Setting up a new operations group to develop a forward plan of meetings – formal and informal appreciative enquiry sessions – and to develop content to support analysis, recommendations and actions. Volunteers have already been identified from the Locality Partnership, VANS, Healthwatch and Public Health. Other nominations are welcome.
UPDATE: Operations Group has met for the first time and considered key tasks. Terms of reference and a work plan are being developed to share with the Board. These will be circulated via email for comment.
- 6) We will develop leadership roles from with the Board for the key elements of strategy delivery so participation and commitment is increased beyond meetings. Recommendations for leadership will be developed by the Operations Group.
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- 7) Support the continued development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment as the key source of intelligence about our local population needs in the short, medium and long term. Members will contribute quantitative and qualitative information to help build that resource.
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- 8) Adopt a three-test model for each meeting of the Board to ensure positive impact.
UPDATE: The test will be used at the end of each meeting as part of forward plan.
- 9) Develop a new quarterly newsletter to report on progress in delivering the strategy and celebrate new ways of working in North Somerset. All Board members and their organisations/networks are invited to contribute to each edition.
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- 10) Establish a regular survey of local stakeholders around the impact and future development of the HAWB. This will also help to raise awareness of our work and encourage participation in the activity of the board.
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These will be circulated via email for comment. This will include a plan for a stakeholder survey to be delivered in Autumn 2023.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications of these suggested new ways of working. Board members are asked to consider how they will commit capacity to the new appreciate enquiry approach and the operations group as appropriate.

4. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The HWB strategy incorporates a range of plans to support action to address climate change, for instance, via requirements to consider climate change being included as contractual requirements where possible, and community-based initiatives that aim to provide local activities and services closer to people's homes, reducing the need for travel. Action to address climate change will be considered during phase 2 of the action plan refresh process.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

Delivery and implementation of the HWBS and action plan is overseen by the Health and Wellbeing Board and risks to delivery of this work will be identified to the Board for discussion and resolution.

6. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy includes actions targeted to areas of greatest deprivation or health need or prioritise activities that address needs in particular population groups with higher need to address health inequalities.

7. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

The HWBS reflects North Somerset Council's vision of being open, fair and green via the focus on consultation, engagement, community-focused action, and ongoing review of impact; and a central aim of reducing inequalities. The strategy also aims to support a range of strategies and programmes already in place, such as the Economic Plan, Green Infrastructure Strategy, Active Travel Strategy, Volunteering Strategy, Carers Strategy, and Libraries Strategy among others, as well as being linked to strategic developments across the ICB.

The strategy has direct links and consistency with the emerging Locality Partnerships and Integrated Care Strategy to ensure consistency with health and social care priorities.

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APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None