

## **SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **Meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board**

**Date: Wednesday, 8th September, 2021**

**Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite**

**Present:** Councillor C Nevin (Chair)  
Dr J Garcia-Lobera (Vice-Chair),  
Councillors S Buckley, M Davidson, T Harp, J Moyies and  
C Mulronev  
T D'Orsi, K Jackson, M Marks, T Forster, O Richards.

**In Attendance:** Councillor L Salter (observer – People Scrutiny Committee Chair)  
R Harris and J Banks

**Start/End Time:** 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

#### **282 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Buckley, J Gardner, T D'Orsi, M Marks, Y Blucher, P Scott, S Dolling, A Khaldi.

#### **283 Declarations of Interest**

The following declarations of interest were made:

(a) Cllr Harp – Minute 291 (A Better Start Southend Update) – Non-pecuniary interest: wife is employed by SAVS and he is a volunteer with SAVS; family friend employed in senior role at ABSS;

(b) Cllr Nevin – Minute 287 (Pandemic Updates) and Minute 289 (ICS Boundary Progress Update) – Non-pecuniary interest: Employed at external NHS Trust; previous employment at Broomfield and Southend Hospitals; family members employed at Mid and South Essex Trust hospitals and in the Trust's Estates Department; Group Director for Pathology at Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust known to the Councillor through previous employment.

(c) Cllr Salter – Minute 287 (Pandemic Updates) and Minute 289 (ICS Boundary Progress Update) – Non-pecuniary interest: Husband is consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital; daughter is a consultant at Basildon Hospital; son-in-law is GP in the Borough;

#### **284 Public Questions**

There were no public questions at this meeting.

**285 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 9 June 2021**

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021, be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

**286 Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2024**

The Board considered a report of the Director of Public Health presenting the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy covering three years (2021-2024) and the high level Action Plan.

The Board asked a number of questions which were responded to by officers.

In consideration of the report the Board commented on the priorities set out in the Strategy and referred to specific areas within the 2021/22 high level action plan. The Director of Public Health advised that the Strategy, as well as the high-level action plan, was a 'living' document and will evolve and adapt to ensure it aligns as appropriate to any emerging priorities or issues of concern.

The Board was informed that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) was currently being refreshed and would be submitted to the Board in December 2021.

The Director of Public Health confirmed that the Annual Public Health Report has been published and is available at <https://www.southend.gov.uk/health-wellbeing/director-public-health-annual-report>.

The Director of Public Health drew attention to the next steps on refreshing the Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PNA) and a report would be provided to the Board in December.

Resolved:

That the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-24, which will be delivered through an annually updated Action Plan, be endorsed.

**287 Pandemic Updates**

The Board considered a report of the Director of Public Health presenting an update on the COVID-19 Local Outbreak

Management Plan implementation of the national Test, Trace and Isolate programme.

The Board asked a number of questions which were responded to by the Director.

In consideration of the report the Board made reference to the development/production of the Vaccine Hesitancy Plan and the Director advised that this would be circulated to the Board members once finalised.

Resolved:

That the progress and ongoing implementation of the Local Outbreak Management Plan by the Local Health Protection Board and the Outbreak Control Oversight and Engagement Board, be noted.

#### **288 Drug and Alcohol Treatment System Tender**

The Board considered a report of the Executive Director (Adults and Communities) setting out the commissioning intentions for the Drug and Alcohol Treatment System contract from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 and the actions taken in relation to the Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant issued by Public Health England from January 2021.

Resolved:

That the intended commissioning plan for the Drug and Alcohol Treatment System, be noted.

#### **289 ICS Boundary Progress Update**

The Board received an update from the Executive Director (Adults and Communities) on the Integrated Care System Boundary Review and associated matters.

The Board noted that there will be no boundary change and will continue as Mid and South Essex and that significant work was taking place on developing the governance arrangements. The Board also noted that guidance on the Integrated Care Partnership was due to be published shortly.

Resolved:

That the ICS Boundary Review update, be noted and that representative(s) from the Mid and South Essex ICS Team be invited to the December Board meeting.

## **290 Southend Healthwatch Update**

The Board received a PowerPoint presentation from the Strategic Manager, Healthwatch Southend setting out the legal framework and key aspects of the work of Healthwatch Southend.

The Board asked a number of questions which were responded to by the Strategic Manager.

Resolved:

That the PowerPoint presentation on Healthwatch Southend, be noted.

## **291 A Better Start Southend Update**

The Board considered a report from the Director, A Better Start Southend (ABSS), presenting an update from the Chair of ABSS on key developments since the last meeting.

The Board asked a number of questions which were responded to by the Director, ABSS.

Resolved:

1. That the report, be noted.
2. That the ABSS Legacy and Sustainability Strategy and Evidence of Impact of the ABSS Programme be a substantive agenda item at the December Board meeting.

## **292 Better Care Fund**

The Board considered a report of the Executive Director (Adults and Communities) seeking approval of a Section 75 Partnership Agreement between Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and the Southend Clinical Commissioning Group for the management of the Better Care Fund (BCF) for the period 2020-2023. The report also outlined the BCF national policy framework for 2021/22 with funding priorities and conditions in preparation for further guidance and templates and submission of a local BCF plan for Southend, which are expected to be issued by NHS England by October 2021.

The Board asked a number of questions which were responded to by the Director of Commissioning.

In consideration of the report the Board noted that, following the publication of the detailed guidance and reporting templates for 2021-22, a Southend Better Care Fund Plan would need to be completed and approved by the Board and submitted to NHS England.

Resolved:

That the proposed Section 75 Agreement for the management of the Better Care Fund, noting that the schedules to the agreement relating to the Better Care Fund Plan for 2021-22 will need to be updated once the detailed guidance is issued from NHS England, expected by October 2021, be approved.

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_