

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board

Date: Wednesday, 12th June, 2024

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor M Sadza (Chair)
Councillors M Borton, P Collins, I Ferguson, N Folkard, McCarron,
J McMahon, A Quinn, K Ramkhelawon and O Richards

(*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 30.)

In Attendance: Councillors Jarvis
R Harris

Start/End Time: 5.00 - 7.05 pm

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from M Harvey (substitute: S Liebrecht), J Gardner, H Patel and M Atkinson.

2 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

(a) Cllr J McMahon – Minute 5 (Recommissioning Domestic Abuse Services) – Works alongside EPUT.

(b) Cllr P Collins – Minute 9 (Health4Life) – Trustee of Eastwood Community Centre.

(c) Cllr M Borton – Minute 5 (Recommissioning Domestic Abuse Services) – daughter works for EPUT and Minute 8 (ABSS) – Council appointed member to South Essex Homes.

3 Public Questions

The Chair responded to a written questions received from the public.

4 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 5 March 2024

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 5 March 2024, be confirmed as a correct record.

5 Recommissioning Domestic Abuse Services

The Board considered a report of the Executive Director (Adults and Communities) presenting an update on the progress of the procurement of Domestic Abuse (DA) services.

The Board asked questions which were responded to by officers. The Board also discussed in detail the risks and opportunities concerning the preferred option (option 1) to pool funding and joint commissioning across SET (Southend, Essex and Thurrock) and expressed concerns with the potential loss of local expertise/specialism such as the 'Safe-Steps' programme. The Director of Public Health confirmed that the risks and potential gaps in provision would be carefully reviewed.

Resolved:

That it be confirmed that the Board was satisfied with the progress taken to date in relation to the recommissioning of domestic abuse services in Southend and officers continue along the current path towards procurement of these services.

6 Alliance Plan 2024/25 - Concept and Overview

The Board received a powerpoint presentation from the Director of SEE Alliance presenting a detailed overview of the SEE Alliance Delivery Plan 2024/26.

The Board asked questions which were responded to by the SEE Alliance Director and Deputy Director.

Resolved:

That the powerpoint presentation on the Alliance Delivery Plan, be noted.

7 Feedback from Informal Session held 23 January 2024

The Board received feedback from the Informal HWB session held on 23rd January 2024. The following key points were highlighted:

- The Boards added value in terms of tackling the wider determinants of health and supporting delivery of the ICS Strategy.
- Collective and collaborative partnership key driver.
- Bringing communities together and building resilience.
- Accelerating progress – how?
- Review of the Terms of Reference and role of the Board to be undertaken at a further informal session.

Resolved:

That the feedback from the informal session held on 23rd January 2024, be noted.

8 A Better Start Southend (ABSS)

The Board considered a report of the Chair and Director of ABSS presenting an update on key developments since the last meeting.

The Board asked questions which were responded to by the ABSS Chair.

Resolved:

1. That the submitted report, be noted.
2. That the following distinct work, be noted:
 - Now – continuation of high-quality service delivery to families, with the appropriate promotion and impact monitoring.
 - Next – the period before and after March 2025 which relates to the tapering and/or close-down of contracts, including work to generate a long-lasting legacy alongside parents.
 - Beyond: the preparatory work to upskill delivery bodies and meet their support needs, and instigate project sustainability into April 2025 and beyond, which involves discussions with potential future funders.
3. That a report exploring the legacy and sustainability of the Better Care Fund and ABSS be presented to the Board at its meeting in September 2024.

9 Health4Life

The Board considered a report of the Executive Director (Children and Public Health) presenting an update on the Health4Life programme in Southend-on-Sea.

Resolved:

That the submitted report, be noted.

10 HWB Forward Plan 2024/25

The Board received the HWB Forward Plan for 2024/25 which was a live document and would be updated regularly.

Resolved:

That the Forward Plan 2024/25 be noted and any matters for inclusion be sent to the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Chair: _____