

## **Slough Wellbeing Board – Meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd September, 2020.**

**Present:-** Councillor Pantelic (Chair), Neil Dardis, Cate Duffy, Tracey Faraday-Drake, Lisa Humphreys, Ramesh Kukar, Tessa Lindfield, Councillor Nazir, Alan Sinclair, Josie Wragg, and Superintendent Wong.

**Apologies for Absence:-** Lucy Bowman, Dr Jim O'Donnell and Colin Pill

### **PART 1**

#### **14. Declarations of Interest**

None were declared.

#### **15. Minutes of the last meeting held on 15th July 2020**

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 be approved as a correct record.

#### **16. Frimley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Potential Merger**

The Executive Place Managing Director introduced a report that set out the intention of NHS East Berkshire, North East Hampshire and Farnham, and Surrey Health Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to merge on 1st April 2021.

The proposed merger would reduce duplication and build on areas that currently worked well. There would be opportunities to use resources and assets more effectively and collectively; whilst retaining best practice, core values and principles.

Each locality would retain its identity and local needs would be championed and furthered by clinical leaders and managing directors, as they developed priorities for each place. The Clinical Leader, Managing Director and Place Non-Executive, in partnership with key local stakeholders would continue to make decisions on how best to utilise resources available to them locally, and to work collectively to ensure broader system pathways were effective.

Local Slough GPs had recently voted on the proposal and the announcement of the outcome was awaited. If there was a positive outcome to proceed - all the feedback received would be collated and presented to NHS England as part of the application process.

The Chair invited comments and questions from Board Members.

During the course of the discussion, the following points were raised:

- Concern was raised that the merger could result in the particular needs of Slough being lost or diluted. It was explained that the governance

structure and the appointment of five Managing Directors, responsible for promoting each of the five localities supported the ambition to focus on 'place'. The merged CCG would be founded on a collaborative model. It was explained that there would be benefits of pooling resources and these benefits would improve the local delivery of services.

- It was explained that the final decision to merge would be taken by NHS England. If GPs voted not to support a merger, this would be taken into consideration; however NHS England was the ultimate decision-making body.
- It was noted that there would be no change to the allocation of funding received from NHS England, and existing financial commitments would be honoured. Funding would continue to be apportioned on a needs basis. In addition, it was explained that there would be no job losses resulting from the merger.
- It was highlighted that Public Health had a statutory responsibility to advise the CCG regarding the commissioning and design of services, and a merger involving five localities potentially complicated the process.
- The importance of local knowledge and ensuring decisions were made 'intelligently' taking into account the particular needs of Slough residents was highlighted.

**Resolved –**

(a) That the report be noted.

(b) That an update report be provided at the next meeting scheduled to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**17. Update on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Progress**

The Public Health Programme Officer introduced a report that provided an update on the Berkshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

It was reported that the new JSNA process was being developed to enable the Council and partners to be responsive to the needs of the local population, and any changes in the local social and health economics affecting residents.

The new JSNA process was based on the data available from the Berkshire Observatory and priorities highlighted through discussions, strategies, joint working and local needs assessments.

The new approach to the JSNA process was currently being trialled by the JSNA leads regarding the pilot topic – Children and Adolescent Mental Health. The Berkshire Public Health team had indicated that getting the process completed by January 2021 would be an ambitious task, particularly if new issues emerged as a result of Covid-19.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That an update report be presented at the meeting scheduled to be held on 12th January 2021.

**18. Strong, Healthy and Attractive Neighbourhoods**

The Service Lead, Communities and Leisure introduced a report that presented an update on the progress made to develop a model for the Strong, Healthy and Attractive (SHA) Neighbourhoods Initiative.

It was noted that Strong, Healthy and Attractive Neighbourhoods was a key priority that the Slough Wellbeing Board had agreed to lead on. Work to deliver the SHA initiative in Chalvey had begun and the approach developed would be used as a model to be rolled out across Slough, as part of the Council's wider localities agenda.

The Board was provided with a presentation that set out the key principles that underpinned the SHA initiative and activities undertaken in the Chalvey ward.

Following the conclusion of the presentation, the Chair invited comments and questions from Board members.

During the course of the discussion, the following points were raised:

- The Board commended the initiative and supported the model approach being rolled out across Slough.
- Assurance was provided that the model would be adapted according to the local needs and cultural sensitivities of residents within each locality. An evidence based approach would be deployed and activity would be driven by the data, rather than in response to 'vocal' local demand.
- It was envisaged that changes to the built environment would prompt behavioural change and how spaces were used by residents. It was acknowledged that behaviour change took time to embed, and that community leaders would play a crucial role in effecting change in their local areas.

**Resolved –** That the Board noted the progress made in developing the Strong, Healthy and Attractive Neighbourhoods model and endorsed it being rolled out across Slough as part of the localities approach.

**19. Workplace Health Task and Finish Group - September 2020 Update**

The Policy Insight Analyst introduced the report and provided an update regarding the Workplace Health Task and Finish Group.

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The Workplace Health Task and Finish Group had been established in spring 2020 to lead on the delivery of Outcome Four of the Slough Wellbeing Strategy – Workplace Health.

The first meeting of the Group was scheduled to take place on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

It was noted that there had been difficulties engaging with business leaders, particularly due to the additional pressures arising from Covid. However, a further attempt would be made to re-approach and involve business representatives in the Task and Finish Group.

**Resolved** – That the update on the work of the Workplace Health Task and Finish Group be noted.

### **20. Slough Wellbeing Board Work Programme - 2020-21**

The Policy Insight Analyst presented the Work Programme for consideration.

Further to the discussion under Minute No.16 it was agreed that an update on the CCG potential merger be provided at the next meeting.

**Resolved** – That, subject to the addition of the item detailed above, the Work Programme, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be agreed.

### **21. Attendance Report**

**Resolved** – That the details of the Members' Attendance Record be noted.

### **22. Date of Next Meeting - 17th November 2020**

**Resolved** – The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Chair

(Note: The meeting opened at 5.00 pm and closed at 6.15 pm)