

Key outcomes of the East Suffolk Community Partnership Board meeting held 6 December 2021

1 Introduction

All eight Community Partnerships are represented on the Community Partnership Board by their respective Chairs.

The meeting agendas and papers can be viewed [HERE](#)

A recording of the meeting can be viewed [HERE](#)

2. Community Partnership Board Priority 3: Mental Health and Wellbeing

Jon Neil (CEO, Suffolk MIND) delivered a presentation on “How has Covid19 and lockdown affected the mental health of local people?” (viewed [HERE](#)) in which he outlined the Mental Health Continuum Model and presented data on how lock down affected us.

The Board agreed that a Mental Health and Wellbeing Task and Finish Group be convened to develop outcome proposals for consideration at a future meeting.

3. Focus on Community Partnerships

The Board received its regular update on the impact of the eight Community Partnerships. The report can be viewed [HERE](#). In addition, the Board received a short presentation from Felixstowe Peninsular ([HERE](#)) and Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnerships ([HERE](#))

4. Community Partnership Board Priorities

The Board received a report ([HERE](#)) and presentation from Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities, East Suffolk Council & NHS Norfolk & Waveney / Ipswich & East Suffolk CCGs) based on the outcomes of:

- The Covid Recovery Task and Finish Group
- Revised East Suffolk Data Pack ([HERE](#))
- Data Pack feedback from the Community Partnership Board Visioning Event, held at Trinity Park on 5 November ([HERE](#))
- Outcomes from a discussion in the Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and villages Community Partnership on their emergent priorities around the cost of living and living standards ([HERE](#))

The Board agreed:

- That the Board maintain its focus on i) **Social Isolation and Loneliness** ii) **Sustainable Transport and Travel** and iii) **Mental Health and Wellbeing**
- That a new Task and Finish Group be convened to consider various ‘hidden Needs’ and inequalities, absorbing the outstanding work of the Covid Recovery Task and Finish Group and previous focus on Hidden Needs, and taking a wider perspective on **vulnerability**
- That Board partners work through the new Integrated Care System structures to emphasise importance of work around health inequalities

- That specific focus be placed on healthy weight in the places with the highest levels of children and adults who are overweight and obese – namely Lowestoft and Northern Parishes CP, Aldeburgh, Leiston and Saxmundham CP and Felixstowe Peninsula CP.

5. Peer Challenge of Community Partnerships and Draft Action Plan

The Board received a report ([HERE](#)) from Steve Gallant, Chair of the Community Partnership Board based on i) a summary of the findings of the Local Government Association Peer Challenge of Community Partnerships held 12-14 October 2021 and ii) the outcomes of the Community Partnership Visioning Day held 5 November 2021

The Board then considered a draft plan of action ([HERE](#)) to agree what actions should be taken to address the issues raised by the Peer Challenge Team.

It was agreed that the Community Partnership Steering Group be given responsibility to oversee implementation of the action plan on behalf of the Board and report back regularly on progress.

6. Update: Community Partnership Annual Forum

At the September 2021 Board meeting it was agreed that, as Covid-19 still had a significant presence in the district, region and nationally, holding an event for 150-200 people at Trinity Park would not be wise on the date scheduled in November. Therefore, it was agreed to postpone until March 2022.

The Board received an update ([HERE](#)) from Luke Bennett (Partnerships Manager, East Suffolk Council).

The current situation is that Trinity Park is booked for an event for 200 delegates on **25 March 2022**.

Uncertainty over Government imposing restrictions on events / social contact due to Covid-19 in the future remains a significant risk associated with organising a face-to-face event of this size. Therefore, any plans will need to ensure adequate social distancing, be flexible to potentially reducing the number of delegates if the situation changes and carry the disclaimer that it may be cancelled at late notice.

The theme will be 'East Suffolk: Bringing Ideas to Life' and will highlight and support delivery of the Community Partnerships/Board priorities by addressing a range of challenges and opportunities thrown up by the Peer Challenge of Community Partnerships.

Members of the Community Partnerships are asked to make every effort to attend the event and consider what you could each contribute to the proposed programme.

Luke Bennett, Partnerships Manager, East Suffolk Council 14.12.21