

Key outcomes of the East Suffolk Community Partnership Board meeting held 7 June 2021

1. Recap:

All eight Community Partnerships are represented on the Community Partnership Board by their respective Chairs. Community Partnership Board meeting agendas / papers / presentations / minutes can be viewed [HERE](#)

2. Election of Vice Chair

Lisa Perkins from BT was appointed Vice Chair of the Board for a second year.

3. Terms of Reference

The revised Terms of Reference for the Board, which can be found [HERE](#), were approved. These reflect the changes made to the Terms of Reference for the eight Community Partnerships, the recommendations of the rural proofing work undertaken by Community Action Suffolk, enabling Vice Chairs to substitute for the Chair at the Board meetings, the important role of Task and Finish Groups to progress work between meetings, the fact that meetings can be held either virtually or in person, the process for voting in virtual meetings and the fact that priorities for the Board will be reviewed annually.

4. Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group

The Board considered a report from the Task and Finish Group focussing on Employment and Skills and a proposal from Student Life around mental health and wellbeing for young people. The report can be found [HERE](#) and Appendix 1 of the report, which includes a comprehensive overview of employment and skills support available for young people, adults and Over 55's in East Suffolk, can be found from page 5 onwards.

The Board considered three outcome proposals developed in order to fill identified gaps in relation to the current employment and skills offer in the District. These were discussed in turn and the following agreed:

- £18,000 was allocated towards the Employment/Work Readiness project, in addition to the £20,000 previously agreed by the East Suffolk Partnership – see outcome proposal [HERE](#)
- £30,827 was allocated towards the Volunteering Pathways project led by Community Action Suffolk – see outcome proposal [HERE](#)
- £25,000 was allocated towards the Ambitions to Employ project to be delivered by MENTA – see outcome proposal [HERE](#)

The Board also considered an outcome proposal submitted by Student Life to run an extended pilot in six East Suffolk Schools of their peer to peer mental health support project, which is part funded by Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG. Following discussion the Board agreed to:

- allocate £15,750 towards to Student Life Peer to Peer Mental Health Ambassador programme – see outcome proposal [HERE](#)

5. Vulnerability in East Suffolk post Covid-19

The Board received a presentation on the outcome of the 4,000+ calls made to Clinically Extremely Vulnerable residents in East Suffolk between November 2020 and March 2021. These calls identified some of the groups most impacted by the pandemic and some emerging issues.

Seven strategic Board partners were then asked to identify three key priorities/areas of high demand for their organisation in East Suffolk, these are summarised in the slide below:

Suffolk Community Foundation	Community Action Suffolk	SALC	Suffolk Police	Suffolk County Council	Norfolk and Waveney CCG	Ipswich & East Suffolk CCG	East Suffolk Council
Isolation and Loneliness	Social Isolation and Loneliness	Delivering high quality specialist support to local councils advice, communications, guidance and training	Victims of domestic abuse	Community recovery- emphasis on health and wellbeing and support for isolated / vulnerable people	Vaccine inequality uptake in deprived areas, migrant communities, younger, high risk & harder to reach communities	Long-term Covid impacts eg. supporting communities; mental health, job losses frailty, long Covid	Isolation and Loneliness, including digital exclusion
Declining Mental Health	Young People	Engage and represent local councils across the sector- partnerships and collaboration	Partnership liaison share information & joint patrols to dynamically tackle emerging vulnerability issues	Addressing health inequalities as part of the community recovery	Admission avoidance and waiting well- support to remain in the community or ensure once discharged they remain healthy	Long waiting lists for elective care – supporting people to remain fit and well whilst waiting	Physical Disabilities, Frailty and Long Term Conditions, including impacts of inactivity
Changed Financial Circumstances	VCSE Resilience	Improvement and development for local councils	Increased instances of acute mental health related issues	Enabling the VCSE to play an equal and active part of the Suffolk system in recovery	Addressing health inequalities- particular focus on inactivity and link to LTC's	Children and Young People's education, physical activity and emotional well-being	Mental Health and Wellbeing

The presentation concluded with some slides summarising what is happening already in East Suffolk to address some of the issues/areas of demand identified. The Board was then asked to consider both gaps and opportunities to do more. Following discussion, including about the importance of validating data before decisions are made, it was agreed that the Task and Finish Group should meet again to consider the themes discussed at the meeting and report back to the September Board meeting.

6. Transport Task and Finish Group

An update was provided on progress, including conversations between the Programme Manager and the Community Partnership Chairs and key partners, but a more detailed 'deep dive' report will be presented for in-depth discussion at the September Board meeting.

7. Updates from the Community Partnerships

Following a brief overview of progress in terms of spend, each of the CP Chairs present was asked to provide an overview of one or two projects in their CP area.

8. Looking Forward

It was agreed that the September meeting of the Board will focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing, the third priority for East Suffolk, and that the Board will also receive reports from the Covid Impacts and Transport and Travel Task and Finish Groups.

Nicole Rickard, Head of Communities, 10/06/21