

## **EAST STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM**

**23 January 2019**

**Commenced:** 6.30 pm

**Terminated:** 8.00 pm

**Present:** Councillors Pearce (Chair), Sweeton (Deputy-Chair), Billington, Dickinson, Feeley, Gosling, J Homer, S Homer, Jackson, Patrick, Sharif, Wild and Wills.

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors J Lane and Taylor

### **3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 October 2018 were approved. A number of Councillors commented on the discussion regarding pedestrianisation of Market Street and part of Melbourne Street, Stalybridge.

### **4 LIVING LIFE WELL PROGRAMME: IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN NEIGHBOURHOODS**

The Forum received a presentation from the Interim Director of Commissioning, consulting Members on the development of the Living Well Programme that aimed to create new approaches to mental health support across Tameside & Glossop. The Living Well model sought to change the way the voluntary and public sectors work together to ensure the right support is available to people when it was needed. The programme had been awarded £3.4 million in National Lottery funding over three years to support new local partnerships in Edinburgh, Luton, Salford, and Tameside & Glossop to develop their own versions of an approach which had been established successfully in Lambeth.

Currently in Tameside and Glossop there were a number of options to support people suffering with poor mental health. This new development would directly support individuals struggling to access or receive any mental health support within the existing provision, due to not meeting current thresholds of services and often presented to their GP, A&E and other settings looking for help.

The aim of the initiative was to transform mental health support towards early intervention and prevention, supporting people to live at home and ensuring delivery of high quality and sustainable services. Creation of a Living Well system would support residents to get and keep well by strengthening personal sense of meaning, close interpersonal relationships, and social integration. Involvement in the programme was to be led by key local organisations including: Action Together, the Clinical Commissioning Group, the Local Authority, and Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust. Service users would have access to each of the local partner organisations working within one Hub to make sure that everyone was receiving the best service for their needs.

The Interim Director of Commissioning advised that the new approach was likely to provide a comparatively low cost and high volume way of freeing up resources in local secondary care services thereby reducing waiting times.

Members of the Forum commented that improvements to mental health services were urgently required and welcomed this initiative to establish an innovative new model of mental health support in the Neighbourhoods. Increasing capacity would ensure access to a range of timely treatment and support options in the community and allowing patients more choice over their care and treatment.

In response to a query regarding improving access to services and support for children and young people with mental health issues, the Interim Director of Commissioning advised that approaches to supporting children's and young people's mental health were being developed and would be subject to further consultation.

In addition, reference was made to the recent success of two schools in Tameside who had received the AcSEED Award - a quality assurance mark presented to schools that had made a substantial effort to support the mental health of their students and encouraged the provision of high quality emotional wellbeing services. It was acknowledged that educating young people on the realities of mental illness was also a big factor in tackling mental health stigma.

The Forum was reassured to note from the Interim Director of Commissioning that robust monitoring of outcomes was integral to the approach to ensure that the vision of transformed services was achieved.

In conclusion, the Chair advised that for general information regarding the programme or to get involved to contact [tccg.livinglifewell@nhs.net](mailto:tccg.livinglifewell@nhs.net).

## **RESOLVED**

**That the content of presentation and benefits that this new model would bring to supporting people with mental health issues in the community be noted.**

## **5 COMMUNITY SAFETY**

The Assistant Director – Operations and Neighbourhoods, delivered a presentation outlining the three key priorities of the Standing Together – Greater Manchester Police and Crime Plan, as follows:

- Keeping People Safe;
- Reducing Harm and Reoffending;
- Strengthening Communities and Places.

The Assistant Director further set out the Tameside Draft Policies as follows:

- Reducing violent crime & domestic abuse;
- Preventing & dealing with crime & anti-social behavior;
- Reducing harm caused by drugs & alcohol;
- Preventing the exploitation of children & vulnerable people;
- Improving community confidence & cohesion.

Progress on all the above priorities was outlined and information given in respect of the formation of a draft strategy. Suggestions were welcomed and should be forwarded to John Gregory, the Head of Homelessness and Community Safety.

Detailed discussion ensued with regard to the content of the presentation and Members commented on the scale of the work to be done. Reference was made to the previous Police and Communities Together (PACT) model which had provided a valuable opportunity for residents, Homewatch members, community groups and Elected Members to meet local police officers to specifically raise issues requiring action.

Mention was also made of a number of successful Homewatch Schemes in the area and the benefits of being part of an active community helping to deter criminals. The Head of Homeless and Community Safety was keen to engage with existing schemes not only in relation to crime prevention but also as an avenue to collect opinions and ideas related to community concerns.

The importance of good communication was also discussed as this would provide reassurance to members of the public that incidents / intelligence they reported had been investigated and dealt with.

**RESOLVED**

**That the content of the presentation be noted.**

**6 BUDGET CONVERSATION 2019-20**

It was reported that Tameside Council (TMBC) and NHS Tameside and Glossop clinical Commissioning Group (T&GCCG) had come together to form the Tameside and Glossop Strategic commission. Together they handled over £900 million of money spent on public services ranging from bin collections through care for the elderly to the provision of GP surgeries. Both TMBC and T&GCCG had to set a balanced budget for 2019/2020. The view of stakeholders, partners and residents were important in helping to understand local priorities and inform the budget setting process. Further information on the budget and the Budget conversation 2019-2020 was available on the Tameside council website at:

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/tbc/budgetconversation2019-20>.

The same page also included a link to an online survey which gave people the opportunity to have their say on priorities for the budget in 2019-20 and future years. The closing date for completing the Budget Conversation 2019-20 survey was 29 January 2019.

**RESOLVED**

**That the information provided be noted.**