

NORTH STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

15 January 2019

Commenced: 17:30

Terminated:18:30

Present: Councillors Bowerman (Chair), Sidebottom (Vice-Chair), Hollinshead, Choksi, Drennan, Fairfoull, Glover, Bray, Lewis, McNally, Carthey and Whitehead

Apologies for Absence: No Apologies

10 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the North Strategic Neighbourhood Forum held on 16 October 2018 be approved as a correct record.

11 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.

The aim 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.

In response to Members comments in respect of response times to referrals for people suffering with mental illness, 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.

RESOLVED

That the presentation be noted.

12 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 behaviour
- 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.

Members raised their concern over the communication between community officers Councillors. A conversation was had regarding the Police and Communities Together (PACT) scheme and whether this could start again. John Gregory, Head of Homelessness and Community Safety advised the forum that he could provide Councillors with the contact details for community officers.

Detailed discussion ensued with regard to the bed for night scheme. The forum expressed concern that some were refusing to use the scheme as they could be separated from their pets or partner. John Gregory, Head of Homelessness and Community Safety advised the forum that steps had been taken so that pets are not separated from their owners. In addition, the forum were advised that there were other options couples could explore and that no one would be turned away.

RESOLVED

That the content of the presentation be noted.