

## **WEST STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM**

**17 January 2019**

**Commenced: 6.30pm**

**Terminated: 7.50pm**

**Present:** Councillors: Cooney, Fowler, Gwynne, A Holland (Vice-Chair), D Lane, Mills, Newton, Reid, Ricci, M Smith, T Smith, Ward (Chair) and Warrington

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors: Bailey, Boyle, B Holland, Quinn and Ryan

### **8 MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the West Strategic Neighbourhood Forum held on 18 October 2018 be approved as a correct record.**

### **9 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.

In response to Members questions, the Interim Director of Commissioning advised that approaches to supporting Children's mental health were being developed and would be subject to further consultation.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the presentation be noted.**

## **10 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.

Detailed discussion ensued with regard to the content of the presentation and Members commented on the scale of the work to be done and focused, in particular, on licensing laws and the availability of alcohol, the importance of community policing, reducing domestic violence and the equalities agenda. The significance and impact of 'low level' crime such as dog fouling, littering, fly tipping etc., was also highlighted.

### **RESOLVED**

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

## **11 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.**