

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

5 March 2020

Commenced: 10.05 am

Terminated: 11.40 am

Present:

Councillors Warrington (Chair) - Executive Leader
Councillor Wills - Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Population Health
Councillor Cooney - Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Employment
Shaun Higgins - Active Tameside
Jane Higham - Greater Manchester Police
Jeanelle De Gruchy - Director of Population Health
Richard Hancock - Director of Children's Services
Liz Windsor-Welsh - Chief Executive, Action Together
Vivien Robinson - Department for Work and Pensions
Karen James - Chief Executive, Tameside and Glossop ICFT
Steven Pleasant - Chief Executive, Tameside MBC and Accountable Officer, Tameside and Glossop CCG
Andrew Searle - Independent Chair, Tameside Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board

In Attendance:

Jayne Traverse - Director of Growth
Gregg Stott - Interim Assistant Director, Development and Investment
David Berry - Head of Employment and Skills
James Mallion - Consultant Public Health
Martin Ashton - Assistant Director of Commissioning, Living Well

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Fairfoull - Deputy Leader & Executive Member for Children's Services
Stephanie Butterworth - Director of Adult Services
Kerrie Pryde - Jigsaw Homes
Henri Giller - Independent Chair, Tameside Child Safeguarding

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Members of the Board.

22 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2020 be approved as a correct record.

23 GROWTH PRIORITIES FOR TAMESIDE

Consideration was given to a presentation of the Director of Growth outlining the growth priorities for Tameside and their impact upon health and wellbeing within the Borough.

Members were informed that there were a number of projects being undertaken, including the development of strategic sites for housing and employment and the regeneration of the Borough's town centres. The four strategic sites earmarked for development were Godley Green, Ashton

Moss, St Petersfield and Hattersley. It was explained that the Godley Green and Ashton Moss sites were currently designated as greenbelt land but the sites were among a number across Greater Manchester to be released for the delivery of much needed housing and job creation. It was intended that the Godley Green scheme would become a twenty first century 'garden village', rather than a conventional housing development, delivering up to 2350 homes by 2035. Members enquired about the impact upon health and transport services as well as schools from such developments. It was explained that developer contributions from S106 money in Tameside were currently focused on education and transport provision but the Council could opt to revise its policy to include health services as well.

In order to address the deficiency in employment sites across Tameside and Greater Manchester, Ashton Moss and St Petersfield had been earmarked for development. The Ashton Moss site, currently in private ownership, was the biggest such site and was viewed as one of the best areas in Greater Manchester because of its excellent transport links. Nearby land at St Petersfield, all within the Council's ownership had the potential to create an additional 1900 jobs generating approximately £1.75 million in business rates income. It was hoped that the proximity of both sites to Ashton town centre would enable the creation of a 'growth corridor'.

A number of town centre regeneration schemes across the Borough were also highlighted as part of the Council's efforts to repurpose town centres and improve transport and connectivity. The largest programme was the redevelopment of Hyde town centre that included plans to modernise the market offer; develop the Hyde library site; provide infrastructure for population growth; and improve the pedestrian experience. The Director of Growth informed Members that £100,000 of funding had been secured to enable planning and that community consultation would be undertaken in due course.

A discussion ensued regarding the success of the recently opened Denton Wellness Centre. The Centre marked a design shift from a traditional leisure offer to a more expansive wellness/health/cultural/active play offer. Members were informed that the Centre had opened one month ahead of schedule and that over 1000 new members had joined in the first three days since opening. It was expected that the new facility would contribute to a reduction in levels of physical inactivity in the Borough, support individuals experiencing social isolation and make health support more accessible to the community. Members expressed their enthusiasm for the new facilities and commended the centre for being both autism and dementia friendly.

RESOLVED

That the content of the presentation be noted.

24 TAMESIDE HOUSING STRATEGY 2020-25

Consideration was given to a presentation of the Director of Growth, outlining the development of a Housing Strategy for Tameside and associated Housing Delivery Plan.

The Housing Strategy and Housing Delivery Plan were designed to implement and deliver on priority action areas and outcomes within the Corporate Plan. It was explained that housing was a crucial part of Tameside's future and that good quality homes were essential to give children the best start in life and to allow individuals to live independently and in good health into old age. Homes also had the power to drive and support the growth of the Borough attracting people to live and work in the area. Whilst the median house price across Tameside had increased by 133% since 2000, the Borough still remained an affordable place in comparison to other local authority areas.

Members were informed that a housing needs assessment had been conducted from December 2017 and that six strategic priorities for action had been identified:-

- Population Growth and New Housing Supply;

- Delivering for an Ageing Population;
- A Range of Affordable Housing;
- Specialist and Supported Housing;
- Improving Standards in the Private Rented Sector; and
- Reducing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping.

The Council had significant land assets to deliver and were working with private sector housing providers to maximise the number of affordable homes delivered whilst also ensuring their environmental sustainability and providing accessible public transport.

A discussion ensued regarding homelessness and the importance of ensuring suitable housing for those with particular needs. Members were pleased to note the work of the Council in relation to homelessness and the success there had been in moving those individuals affected into a more stable situation. The housing needs of those suffering from domestic abuse were also raised and Members were advised that a strategic domestic abuse lead had recently been appointed with experience of working with housing providers. Supported housing had a crucial role to play in helping domestic abuse victims. It was hoped that the wrap around support provided to the homeless could also be adopted in relation to domestic abuse victims.

RESOLVED

That the content of the presentation be noted.

25 HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Employment and Skills, providing Members with an update on the integration of employment, skills and health services.

The Head of Employment and Skills advised that 64,000 people within the Borough were living with a long term condition, half of whom were in employment. The Borough had just over 10,000 people out of work, 8.7% of the population, and around 5,000 of those individuals were out of work because of a range of mental health issues including anxiety, depression and behavioural disorders. Mental health problems were a particular issue among those under the age of 34. Members were informed that the Tameside Employment and Skills service was there to ensure that everybody able work could be supported into work. As part of this commitment, £55,000 per annum had been invested in two employment coaches to support local residents with mental health conditions.

Members were advised of a number of other successes across Tameside and Greater Manchester in integrating health, employment and skills including:-

- Design and development ongoing with Pennine Care and TMBC Routes to Work to commission an Employment Coach in the Early Intervention Psychosis Team.
- A £140,000, two year investment in the TMBC Employment and Skills Team to deliver activity for unemployed and in-work residents.
- A continued drive between the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership to develop a programme of devolution work.
- The award of the GM Specialist Employment Service contract to support residents with a disability or severe mental health condition.

An overview of the work of the multi-agency Health and Employment Strategy Group (HESG) was given and Members were informed that the group had performed strongly in the last 18 months. There had been particular success in influencing commissioning to provide more health and employment services and it was hoped there would be a move to larger scale provision. The

Group's proposed action plan for 2020/21 was also outlined with emphasis upon a more person-centred, holistic approach toward health and employment.

Members commended the work that had been undertaken, particularly in relation to mental health, and the ongoing support provided for young people to access training and employment.

RESOLVED

- i. **That the Board note the employment initiatives taking place in Tameside and Greater Manchester and the work undertaken to integrate employment, skills and health services.**
- ii. **That Members support the delivery of the Health and Employment Plan 2020/21.**

CHAIR