



**PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, 13 January 2021**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>HEALTHWATCH - UPDATE</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

Following a discussion held at a workshop in December 2020, the chair and spokes of the Partnerships Committee requested an update from Healthwatch Wirral.

The core purpose of Healthwatch is to be the consumer champion for health and care service users. They involve patients, service users and the public in shaping local health and care services; and raise awareness of their views and experiences in relation to those services amongst those in charge of services including commissioners and providers.

Their vision is to ensure that the voice of the individual is heard and services are responsive to their needs; that everyone has the opportunity to have their say and understands how and when to access their local health and social care services.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

The Partnerships Committee are requested to:

1. Note and comment on the presentation from Healthwatch

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 This report is to support the presentation supplied by Healthwatch will inform the Partnerships Committee on work being undertaken by Healthwatch and highlight any key issues within the borough, Therefore, Members may wish to comment on or make suggestions to add to the work programme.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 Members of the Committee requested that Healthwatch present an update to the committee on their work and key issues found within the borough. Therefore, no other options have been considered.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 This report was requested as part of work programming by the Partnerships Committee and is a result of a request for more collaboration with partner organisations and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 This report is for information purposes only and there are no financial implications.

### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report is for information purposes only and there are no legal implications.

### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS**

- 6.1 This report is for information purposes only and there are no legal implications.

### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 7.1 Members of the Partnerships Committee are keen to collaborate with partner agencies in Wirral, as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations. This is to ensure that Members are able to gain an oversight of the issues faced by residents across the borough. Failure to do this would increase the risks caused by lack of oversight or scrutiny.

### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 The Partnership Committee are committed to engagement and consultation with Wirral Council partners to ensure that it's scrutiny obligations can be discharged effectively.

## **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity.

This report is for information purposes only and the content will be supplied by a partner agency. The Partnerships Committee are committed to ensure that the work it does has equality at its heart and does not discriminate against anyone. Any associated actions may require an EIA

## **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no direct environment or climate implications as result of this report. However, Wirral Council and its Committees will consider the Climate Emergency declaration within all the work it does and will continue to incorporate this into their work programme and hold all partnerships to account.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Health Watch Wirral Update  
Appendix 2  
Appendix 3

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Wirral Council – Partnerships Committee terms of reference.

## **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Partnerships committee</b>	<b>9 November 2020</b>