

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD**Thursday, 23rd March 2023**

REPORT TITLE:	COMMUNITY, VOLUNTARY & FAITH SECTOR REFERENCE GROUP UPDATE
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF LAW & GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The report provides the latest updates and proposals from the Community, Voluntary and Faith (CVF) Sector Reference Group. The Reference Group was established as a mechanism to promote the views of the CVF Sector to the Health and Wellbeing Board. Their update is included in Appendix 1.

Appendix 2 provides an updated list of publications of which 'A Community - Powered NHS, Making Prevention a Reality' is strongly recommended. 'Creating health and wealth by stealth, community anchor organisations, prevention services, and the wider determinants of health, Locality, Power to Change and VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance, January 2023' is also recommended.

These documents will be the main documents used to inform the delivery of the prototypes, the formation of partnerships and the transformations at community level as required in recent legislation and guidance.

The aims and objectives of the development of Community Hubs, agreed with local elected Members, together with an action plan are being developed which will complement and extend the plans for engagement with communities, as already approved by the HWBB, to specific neighbourhoods.

Two further areas of work, in support of the principles and application of working together in partnership, are presented.

The matter affects all wards. It is not a key decision.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to note:

- (1) the continuing progress of the CVF Reference Groups work on Community Hubs, Family Hubs and Green and Open Spaces,
- (2) the contents of the attached reports, and the continuing involvement and support to the delivery of the Council's approved Health and Wellbeing Strategy and to the continued development of work for engagement with communities and residents.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To enable the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider updates and proposals put forward by the Community, Voluntary and Faith Sector Reference Group.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 No other options were considered as part of this covering report.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board considered a report at its meeting on 29 September 2021 named 'Formation of the Community, Voluntary and Faith Sector Reference Group' which sought to inform the Board's development of a progressive and effective working partnership with the Reference Group.
- 3.2 It was intended that the Reference Group would provide updates to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the work that it was undertaking. The principal aim of the CVF Reference Group is to build and support the development of local infrastructure, in support of ongoing programmes and plans to meet the health and wellbeing needs of Wirral's communities and residents.
- 3.3 The Reference Group has provided updates on their work on Local Infrastructure Development in Support of Health and Wellbeing Needs, based on a plan for the establishment of a prototype study in four wards involving community and family hubs and their work on the full utilisation of open green space in support of health and wellbeing needs.
- 3.4 With the Director of Social Care and colleagues, the Director of Public Health, the Assistant Director – Transformations and Partnerships – Wirral, and representatives of the CVF-Reference Group (CVF-RG), an agreement to form a Transformation and Partnerships Steering Group to align neighbourhoods with the ongoing work of the CVF-RG at the level of community, which already has the support of the Health and Wellbeing Board. A Transformation and Partnerships Healthcare Steering Group has now been formally set up.
- 3.5 The CVF Reference Group have continued to be involved in the further development and delivery of Health and Wellbeing Strategy through participation in the Council's Working Group and with CVF Sector stakeholders.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 In due course funding will be required for the above programmes.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Any future transfer of land for development of green open space will require agreement on a structured approach.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from this covering report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are no direct risks associated with this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 The establishment of the 4 pilot Community Hubs, agreed with local elected members and the Health and Wellbeing Board should be able to act as a base to facilitate further extensive partnership and stakeholder working prior to and then during to engagement through consultation with communities.

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.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no direct environment and climate implications associated with this covering report.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no direct community wealth implications associated with this covering report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Updated report of CVF Reference Group
Appendix 2 Relevant updated publications

BACKGROUND PAPERS

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Report to Health and Wellbeing Board	29 th September, 2021
Report to Health and Wellbeing Board	15 th December, 2021
Report to Health and Wellbeing Board	9 th February, 2022
Report to Health and Wellbeing Board	29 th September, 2022

Report to Health and Wellbeing Board

21st December, 2022