

APPENDIX 1

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Thursday, 7th December, 2023

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| REPORT TITLE: | COMMUNITY, VOLUNTARY & FAITH SECTOR REFERENCE GROUP UPDATE |
| REPORT OF: | COMMUNITY, VOLUNTARY & FAITH SECTOR REFERENCE GROUP |

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides the latest updates and proposals from the Community, Voluntary and Faith Sector Reference Group (CVF-RG). The CVF-RG was established over 2 years ago as a mechanism to develop and promote works and the views of the CVF Sector to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB). Their update is included in Appendix 2.

Appendix 3 provides a precis of 6 relevant key documents of the involvement of people and places of the redesign of local services relating to health and wellbeing as measured by health inequalities.

In the aftermath of the Covid pandemic significant changes in legislation have been brought forward, more recently the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act, all directly arising from lessons learnt from the pandemic, and in particular the need to fully involve communities and residents and their Elected Members (EM's) in the complexities of change and the decision-making processes that affect them.

The CVF-RG and Community Voice (CV) have been in step with these developments throughout as evidenced by the previous papers brought to the HWB. In this, the sixth update, short reports are made by CVF-RG members, on Community Hubs (Eastham), Green and Open Spaces, Family Hubs and Children's disabilities.

CV has kept abreast of research into best practice and further significant government papers on Policy, Health and Social Integration: joining up care for people, places and populations and a Bill on Levelling up and Regeneration. Several new research papers seeking to understand and address the complexities of community and place involvement have recently come forwards. Short precis of these key documents are provided in the update. An abbreviated list of publications is also provided listing new, relevant, and up to date papers.

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.

This is highlighted in the success of the development and delivery of the Cost of Living funding grant secured in Eastham in late 2022 to deliver a "Warmer Hubs" project with

partners working together in a “bottom up” approach to benefit the health and wellbeing of the residents and community in Eastham.

A presentation on this community led project will be given to the meeting.

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.

In respect of the Family Hubs update a video titled “WAS NOT HEARD” from a safeguarding board will be shown which highlights the need to create communities and spaces where children/parents listen and support each other.

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

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to :

- (1) note the continuing progress of the CVF Reference Groups work on Community Hubs, Family Hubs, Green and Open Spaces and People Plan for Nature.
- (2) note the contents of the attached reports, and the continuing involvement and support of the CVF Reference Group in the delivery of the Council’s approved Health and Wellbeing Strategy and to the continued development of work for engagement with communities and residents.
- (3) support the setting up of a workshop to consider and develop how better services and systems could be provided in the future for children with disabilities and their families.

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 community 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 At the meeting of the HWBB in March, 2023 two further areas of work in support of the principles and application of working together in partnership with elected members, communities and residents/young people were presented namely the People Plan for Nature and Street Safety.
- 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 Groups 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 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 2 Updated report of CVF Reference Group

Appendix 3 Relevant updated publications

Appendix 4 Recent Papers received and reviewed by the CVF Reference Group Update to the HWBB

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to Health and Wellbeing Board 29 September 2021

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 |

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