



HEALTH & WELLBEING: LOCALITY WORKING

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 45/15

18 MAY 2015

The purpose of this paper is to provide the background for Members to agree a response to the development of Locality Working in the delivery of health and wellbeing services.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The My Life a Full Life Programme has set the pattern for locality working aiming to *change the face of social and health care on the Island, helping people live life to the full. To achieve this the programme is working in partnership with local people, voluntary organisations and the private sector to deliver a more coordinated approach to the delivery of health and social care services for older people, and people with long term conditions on the Island.*
 - b) This is based on the development of the three locality areas for the Island agreed in June last year: North East Wight, West and Central Wight and South Wight. A map showing these and the Town and Parish Councils involved in each is attached to this Report.
 - c) There are 13 Town and Parish Councils in the South Wight Locality.
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2) TOWN & PARISH COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT

- a) There have been no direct discussions with, or proposals for direct representation by, Town and Parish Councils to date.
 - b) The absence of any mention of Town and Parish Councils in the new draft for the Island's Health and Wellbeing Board's Health and Wellbeing Strategy was one of the matters the Town Council raised directly Public Health's Deputy Director at a Salisbury Gardens' meeting to discuss the draft on 28 April.
 - c) The response of both the Deputy Director and the officer responsible for the draft was very positive with a clear indication that there would be a role for Town and Parish Councils acknowledged in the final version due to be considered at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 28 May.
 - d) The discussion around that role continued during the meeting of the Deputy Director and her Researcher colleague with us to discuss their progress on the Ventnor Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (see Agenda item 7 and Report 44/15), specifically in relation to Town and Parish Council involvement in the Locality Team.
 - e) While it was clear that membership of the Locality Team could not accommodate direct representation from all or most of the 13 Town and Parish Councils in the South Wight Locality, there was a willingness to consider the involvement of a single representative of those Councils.
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3) DIRECT REPRESENTATION

- a) Each Locality does have Voluntary Sector representation through Community Action Isle of Wight and their staff member on the South Wight Locality Team is proposing a meeting of representatives of each of the 13 Town and Parish Councils with him in 17 July.
 - b) There is, however, a strong case for Town and Parish Councils to have direct representation on that Team with a single representative with a reporting role in both directions.
 - c) In addition to the increasing significance of these Councils in local service delivery, their involvement would provide the element of direct accountability to the local communities of the area that is high among the priorities of the move to Locality Working.
 - d) I have prompted discussion of this among the 10 Clerks of the area's Town and Parish Councils in an email of 13 May in the hope that a proposal can be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting of 28 May.
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4) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to determine whether it wants to seek direct representation of Town and Parish Council and, if so, how that should be progressed.

Town/Parish councils

