

## **EAP Health & Wellbeing and Vulnerable People**

At 10:00 am on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022,  
Council Chamber, The Cube, Corby

### **Present:**

Members – Councillor H Harrison (Chair), Councillor Helen Howell, Councillor King Lawal, Councillor Paul Marks.

Officers - David Watts (Executive Director of Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing), John Ashton (Interim Director of Public Health), Shirley Plenderleith (Assistant Director Public Health) Pauline Brennan (Democratic Services).

### **1. Chair's Announcements**

None on this occasion.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Russell Roberts, Chris Smith-Haynes, John McGhee, Geoff Shacklock and Ken Harrington.

### **3. Members Declarations of Interest**

None on this occasion.

### **4. Minutes from the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

The minutes of the EAP meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 had been circulated.

#### **RESOLVED that: -**

The minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 be brought back for approval at the meeting of the Panel on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Chair updated on Actions proposed at the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022:

- Ward Members had been made aware of future dates/venues for Forum meetings with respect to their areas.
- LAP Insight profiles for all areas had been shared with all EAP members.
- Development of a strategy to interact with young people via formal and informal settings would be progressed.
- Future meetings of the EAP to receive updates on performance monitoring indicators and outcomes would form part of the Development Work.

Councillor Marks advised that Kettering Urban ha set it's priorities and they are Mental Health and Drug Addiction as it was believed there was a link between the two.

## 5. Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference had been provided for the Panel to discuss, comments and feedback were requested by Chair. The Executive Director of Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing advised that it did set out the approaches to be used for policy areas however, it does not refer to National Policy and reference to this should be included, it should not be limited to Service and Corporate Plans locally. Chair advised that there were changes coming to the Health and Social Care Act which would have to be taken into consideration.

Councillor Howell agreed the Forward Plan needed to be included as the EAP was more a look at Policy and moving forward, rather than look at reports that were going forward the EAP should be guiding what goes into those papers.

Executive Director of Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing provided some prompts to be considered and were the Members clear on the scope of the EAP and were there any areas of cross over with EAP's which required more clarity.

It was clear that the EAP would provide policy advice but what would happen to that advice, where would it go and how would it be responded to. It was suggested bringing the Terms of Reference back to the first two meetings.

It was suggested that additional substitutes would be a useful addition, to be discussed with the Leader.

**ACTION:** T o R to be brought back to next two meetings and put on the end of the Agenda to review.

**ACTION:** If something is discussed that could be relevant to other EAP's they should be informed and maybe get feedback as required.

## 6. EAP Active Communities

Executive Director of Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing had produced slides for the Panel explaining the evolution of the advisory panels and Scrutiny with a review being undertaken resulting in some additional Scrutiny Committees being created, this had resulted in a change to the cycle of EAP's, reducing them down to 6 per year. EAP's would now concentrate on policy/strategy allowing members who were non-executive to have input.

It was felt that the Panel should be an open discussion panel but would need some suggestions to start the conversation, inform a starting point, officers would take this forward and append to reports for Executive.

Perhaps it should be background, context and discussion points, it could be much more wide ranging and provide factual context. Councillor Howell explained that in her area there were already strategies being worked through and online consultations, there was a large group of people to consult with including stakeholders and the public.

The Interim Director of Public Health suggested there should be cross referencing, phasing and an Options Appraisal. It was important to frame the Leisure Strategy which had been mentioned to get people more active more often, walking and cycling

to work for instance. Chair advised that Phasing could slow the process down, she was keen to produce recommendations. Once work complete report back and allow people to see the value of their input, before going to Executive, it was important to know the value of input.

Councillor Howell suggested that what came out of consultations was invaluable and should be promoted as widely as possible, it was necessary to be aware of Government policy and the scope that had been set.

If there are external consultants, we could invite them to the EAP to present what our strategy might look like and engage with local people about both the well known and less well-known attractions.

We want to be involved from the start of a strategy and be a fundamental part of that process which would then be consulted on. We should then receive feedback on the strategy before it goes any further. Chair asked that an Annual Review be carried out to measure the impact of feedback from non-executive members and others.

Shirley – Perhaps rather than item 14 saying Agenda and Reports perhaps it should say Agenda and papers, Officers suggested this should not be a talking shop and rather than minutes probably have notes of the conversation and what is required of officers to take things forward. Field trips to sites would probably on occasion be useful.

#### **7. Executive Forward Plan**

Budget papers.

#### **8. Forward Plan and future EAP Business**

Forward Plan for future business of Active Communities is not yet populated.

#### **9. Close of Meeting**

Meeting closed at 11:21am.