

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**BIRMINGHAM HEALTH AND
WELLBEING BOARD
MEETING TUESDAY, 28
MARCH, 2024**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BIRMINGHAM HEALTH AND
WELLBEING BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, 28 MARCH, 2024 AT 1000
HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 3 AND 4, COUNCIL HOUSE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB**

PRESENT: -

Councillor Rob Pocock Acting Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care
Dr Clara Day (Vice-Chair) Chief Medical Officer, NHS Birmingham & Solihull
ICB (In the Chair)
Councillor Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Vulnerable Children and
Families
Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health
Helen Price, Director of Education and Skills
Andy Cave, Chief Executive Officer, Healthwatch Birmingham
Anne Coufopoulos, Executive Dean, UCB
Professor Catherine Needham, University of Birmingham
Stephen Raybould, Programmes Director, Ageing Better, BVSC

ALSO PRESENT:-

Louisa Nisbett, Committee Services
Aidan Hall, Service Lead, Governance
Helen Harrison, Assistant Director Healthy Behaviours and Communities
Becky Pollard, Assistant Director, Public Health, Birmingham City Council
Tom Richards, Public Health
Tonye Sickabofori, Deputy Chief Medical Officer
Mike Walsh, Head of Service, Commissioning, Adult Social Care
Ibrahim Subdurally, Plon
Humera Sultan, Public Health, BCC
Rob Checketts, Chief Officer for Policy, Birmingham and Solihull ICB

Several people attended the meeting online.

NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

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The Chair advised that this meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Public-I microsite ([please click this link](#)) and that

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members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

The business of the meeting and all discussions in relation to individual reports are available for public inspection via the web-stream.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

763 The Chair reminded Members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and other registerable interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting. If a disclosable pecuniary interest was declared a Member must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If other registerable interests were declared a Member may speak on the matter only if members of the public are allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', Members do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that they have an interest.

Information on the Local Government Association's Model Councillor Code of Conduct is set out via <http://bit.ly/3WtGQnN>

This includes, at Appendix 1, an interests flowchart which provides a simple guide to declaring interests at meetings.

There were no declarations made.

APOLOGIES

764 Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of:-

Councillor Matt Bennett, Opposition Spokesperson on Health and Social Care
Jo Tonkin, Assistant Director (KEG), BCC (in place of Justin Varney)
Richard North, Chief Superintendent, WMP
Joanna Statham, DWP
Riaz Khan
David Melbourne, NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG
Natalie Allen Chief Executive SIFA FIRESIDE

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

765 The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November, 2023, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

COMMISSIONERS REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA

766 There were no comments submitted by the Commissioners in relation to any of the agenda items.

DATES OF MEETINGS

767 The Board noted the dates of future meetings of the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year commencing at 1000 hours:

9 May, 2024.

ACTION LOG

768 No outstanding actions were raised for the Action Log.

CHAIR'S UPDATE

769 Dr Clara Day, Deputy Chair (Chairing the meeting) reported as follows:-

- There had been a significant measles outbreak in Birmingham and Solihull. The number of cases had now reduced, however there were still new cases every week. This had put extra pressure on Health Services. The reason was that immunisation rates were 75% and 80%.
- There had been very significant casework regarding the uptake of MMR in the City. Uptake at Practices had doubled since Christmas. There had been focussed work at schools with the lowest uptake.

Very significant engagement work had been undertaken to address why people were not taking up immunisation in the first place. In spite of the financial restrictions HWB would focus on priorities and look ahead to future needs.

Councillor Pocock gave a brief financial update on BCC. The Commissioners were now in place in the City. Savings were to be made over a 2-year period. Proposals to Cabinet Committee in February had been agreed at the City Council meeting in March.

There had been an increase in the Adult Social Care budget. However, it was still short of what was needed. The impact of the cuts on HWB and BCC was an ongoing piece of work.

It was noted that Deborah Cadman, former Chief Executive had now left BCC and that Graeme Betts was now Acting Chief Executive.

Justin Varney was welcomed back to the Committee and Jo Tonkin was thanked for standing in for him.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

770 The Chair advised that the Board welcomed questions, any questions should be sent to HealthyBrum@Birmingham.gov.uk.

There were no questions.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

The following report was submitted:-

(See document attached)

Dr Justin Varney (Director of Public Health), Birmingham City Council presented this report and gave a summary of the report for endorsement by the HWB.

The Director of Public Health (DPH) had a statutory duty to write an independent, evidence-based annual report detailing the health and wellbeing of our local population. This was an opportunity to look at census data and changes.

Some of the headlines were:-

- The decline in birth rates in Birmingham
- Growth of the 50 – 59 age group by 20%
- Ethnicity
- Diversity
- Immigration
- Housing
- Employment
- Work with Students to design the cover – Design Competition

The efforts of Public Health to engage with the public and fund activities was acknowledged. Councillor Pocock said that the HWB would benefit from receiving a briefing. The report would be submitted to the Cabinet for approval. Justin Varney undertook to discuss work focussed on the 50-59 age group with Mike Walsh.

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RESOLVED:-

- i. That the HWB note the findings of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023-24; and
 - ii. That the HWB endorse the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023-24 for wider dissemination.
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BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL ICB JOINT FORWARD PLAN UPDATE

The following report was submitted:-

(See document attached)

Rob Checketts (Chief Officer for Policy, Birmingham and Solihull ICB) presented this item to update the Committee on the process and plan for updating the Joint Forward Plan (JFP) and responded to questions from Members. An update would be submitted to the Committee in June. Following some comments about public satisfaction with the NHS and the engagement strategy, Clara Day said that there would be further discussion at the next meeting.

The Board was asked to support the approach being taken to developing the updated JFP and delivery plan

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RESOLVED:-

That the HWB note the process and plan to update the Joint Forward Plan for 2024/25.

CREATING AN ACTIVE BIRMINGHAM STRATEGY - CONSULTATION FINDINGS AND FINAL STRATEGY

The following report was submitted:-

(See document attached)

Justin Varney, Humera Sultan / Ibrahim Subdurally-Plon attended to present the findings of the Creating an Active Birmingham Strategy (CABS) consultation and the Final strategy following the consultation and to advise Health and Wellbeing Board members about the intention to seek Cabinet's ratification. The main findings were reported.

Humera Sultan gave more detail about the Citizenship Forum. Helen Price offered assistance if required with regard to Children and Young People. More work was needed with regard to families in most acute need and community organisations. It was noted that the Small Grant Programme had been launched this week.

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RESOLVED:-

- i. That HWB members note the CABS Consultation findings; and
- ii. That HWB members support the Final Strategy and Implementation Plan

BIRMINGHAM AND LEWISHAM AFRICAN CARIBBEAN HEALTH INEQUALITIES REVIEW (BLACHIR) PROGRESS UPDATE

The following report was submitted:-

(See document attached)

Helen Harrison (Assistant Director of Public Health, Birmingham City Council), assisted by Officers joining the meeting online presented this item providing an update to the Board since the previous report in March 2023 regarding the Health and Care system implementation of the recommendations and advised of the next steps. Justin Varney added that they were aware they needed to change the way they worked for example when looking at different communities, so that it was embedded in the business rather than as an add on.

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RESOLVED:-

That the HWB note the progress being made to implement the BLACHIR opportunities for action and the 7 key priority areas highlighted within the Review and for Board members to continue to support in the system delivery of the key actions

PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT (PNA) UPDATE – SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT

The following report was submitted providing an update on the changes to the availability of pharmaceutical services in Birmingham.

(See document attached)

A PNA was a statutory requirement of Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB) in England; its purpose was to assess the current provision of pharmaceutical services in an area and the 'need' for such services now and in the future. Members were concerned about the capacity of the service and the lack of pharmacies opening on a Saturday. Clara Day added that maybe the HWB should look to re-establish the PNA Group who could look at the reduction in hours.

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RESOLVED:-

- i. That the HWB note the changes to pharmaceutical provision since the publication of the PNA and agree to publish a supplementary statement; and
- ii. That the HWB agree to re-establish the PNA Steering Group (details and terms of reference will be presented to Health and Wellbeing Board).

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – EXECUTIVE BOARD PAPERS (DECEMBER 2023)

The following report was submitted:-

(See document attached)

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Dr Clara Day presented this item and following a brief discussion it was:-

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RESOLVED:-

That the HWB note and approve the recommendations from the Executive Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following written updates were on the Agenda for information only.

BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL CHILD DEATH OVERVIEW PANEL (CDOP) ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

(See document attached)

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RESOLVED:-

That the written updates be noted.

CREATING A BOLDER HEALTHIER CITY (2022-2030) - INDICATOR UPDATES

(See document attached)

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RESOLVED:-

That the written updates be noted.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD FORWARD PLAN

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The Forward Plan was noted.

(See document attached)

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

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No other urgent Business was raised.

The meeting ended at 1150 hours.

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CHAIR