

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**BIRMINGHAM HEALTH AND
WELLBEING BOARD
MEETING THURSDAY, 18
JULY, 2024**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BIRMINGHAM HEALTH AND
WELLBEING BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, 18 JULY, 2024 AT 1030
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 Matt Bennett, Opposition Spokesperson on Health and Social Care
Justin Varney, Director of Public Health
Louise Collett, Acting Strategic Director for Adult Social Care
Andy Cave, Chief Executive Officer, Healthwatch Birmingham
Stephen Raybould, Programmes Director, Ageing Better, BVSC
Jo Tonkin, Assistant Director (KEG), BCC
Donna Livesy on behalf of Karen Creavin, Chief Executive of TAWS
Andy Walker (on behalf of Richard Kirby), BCH NHS Foundation Trust
Professor Catherine Needham, University of Birmingham

ALSO PRESENT:-

Louisa Nisbett – Committee Services
Aidan Hall – Service Lead, Governance
Ceri Saunders - Cabinet Support Officer
Stephen Philpott, Service Director of City Housing Solutions & Support
Services
Chris Jordan, AD, Neighbourhoods
Paul Langford, Strategic Director of City Housing
Philip Nell, Strat Dir Places, Prosp & Sustainability
Sal Nasreen, Assistant Director Insight, Policy and Strategy
Richard Brooks, Director of Strategy, Equalities & Partnerships

A number of Members and Officers attended the meeting online.

NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

1 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.

APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – FUNCTIONS, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP 2024-2025

- 2 Members noted the re-appointment of the Health and Wellbeing Board with functions, terms of reference and membership as set out in the schedule.

(See document attached)

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 3 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.

There were no declarations made.

APOLOGIES

- 4 Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of :-

Councillor Mick Brown, Cabinet Member, CYP
Councillor Saima Suleman, Cabinet Member, DCHT
Helen Ellis, Director Strategy Commissioning & Transformation
David Melbourne, NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG
Richard Beeken, Chief Executive, Sandwell & NHS Trust

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

- 5 The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May, 2024, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.
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COMMISSIONERS REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA

- 6 The comments submitted by the Commissioners in relation to reports 11 and 12 on the agenda were noted as follows:-

“Commissioners note the progress that was being made in this report but were concerned that it was not presented in it’s proper context. More consideration should be given to the exceptional financial context, the governance challenges and the statutory intervention. The Council must ensure that reports were

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considered in that context so that Board and Committee members were appropriately informed.”

ACTION LOG

- 7 No outstanding actions were raised for the Action Log.
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CHAIR’S UPDATE

- 8 Councillor Pocock, Acting Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care noted the Commissioner’s comments regarding the financial situation, challenges and constraints faced by Birmingham City Council. This had led to a S114 notice being issued.

The inability of BCC to present a balanced budget was a separate issue and had led to exceptional financial support being agreed by the Government. The savings target would be delivered over a 2 year period.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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

There were no questions.

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, DIRECTORATE SAVINGS PLANS AND POTENTIAL IMPACT ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING - DISCUSSIONS

The following report was submitted:-

(See document attached)

Councillor Pocock briefly introduced the report with the purpose to inform and brief Health and Wellbeing Board members on Birmingham City Council’s agreed savings and discuss potential impacts on health and wellbeing and also to support Health and Wellbeing Board partners in discussing the implications for the Board’s work programme and the delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Public Health

Justin Varney made a presentation with the use of slides outlining savings for 2024/2025 and 2025/2026. It was clarified that Public Health was funded through a ring-fenced grant from the Department of Health and Social Care which was separate to BCC General Fund.

In response to questions Justin Varney responded that –

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In most Directorates there had been significant transformation made and alternative ways to deliver services had been used. Individual Directorates had looked at the impact on citizens and had been required to think carefully what the strategy was and how to deliver it. There will be a workshop of the HWB in early October to consider the medium risk and mitigations. They had worked hard with colleagues with regard to the financial impact on the strategy.

Section 151 Officer Update on the Financial Position of the Council

Fiona Greenway, the Section 151 Officer presented some slides on the Financial Position of the Council and the Scale of the Challenge. She gave an overview of the overspend from 2022/23 to the current year and the budget gap indicating that for the current year £149.8m savings had been identified. BCC had been given permission from the Government to raise the Council Tax and had received exceptional financial support to treat day to day spend differently.

Children and Families and Birmingham Children's Trust

Sue Harrison, Strategic Director of Children and Families and James Thomas, Chief Executive, Birmingham Children's Trust both joined the meeting online. Sue Harrison made a presentation informing that the savings for Children and Families 2024/2025 had been agreed. The potential impacts on health and wellbeing were outlined. They would ensure the cuts were not having an impact on front line services. They had challenged themselves not to leave children unsafe. They recognised the extra pressures faced by families and were working with partners with this regard.

Adult Social Care

Louise Collett Strategic Director Adult Social Care attended the meeting and presented the Adult Social Care savings. There were 16 proposals that needed to deliver £23.7m in 24/25 and a further £29.1m in 25/26. A list of these savings with a brief description of each proposal was included in pages 1-2 of appendix 2. They must ensure they could still deliver the statutory duties and minimise any significant impact on citizens. There would be no impact on quality. A saving proposal had been made relating to BCC Day Centres.

City Housing

Steve Philpott, Service Director of City Housing Solutions & Support Services attended the meeting to present the City Housing savings. The directorate had 12 proposals that need to deliver £6.2m in 24/25 and a further £3.3m in 25/26. A list of these savings with a brief description were listed in the document. It was noted that the savings were general fund savings and not housing revenue funds. A housing acquisitions programme had started. Birmingham were doing relatively well compared to other cities. Presentation of homeless people were up. A strategy on homelessness would be presented to Cabinet in the autumn.

Place, Prosperity and Sustainability

David Harris, Assistant Director Corporate Landlord attended the meeting online. The directorate had 6 proposals that need to deliver £8.4m in 24/25 and a further £2.8m in 25/26 . A list of these savings with a brief description of each proposal were included in the document. He made reference in particular to the Corporate Landlord slide and the asset rationalisation and reduction workstream of the Corporate Landlord programme.

City Operations

Chris Jordan, Assistant Director Neighbourhoods attended the meeting to present the City Operations savings. The directorate had undertaken an initial review of potential H&W impacts on 45 of the proposals, with a further 31 in Street Scene still to be considered. A short presentation was given on the potential larger (11) impacts on health and wellbeing from the savings.

A discussion ensued during which comments were made by Members in particular it was noted as follows:-

- There was insufficient clarity on children's and young people. The lack of Transport for young people to college in particular was mentioned.
- On the Waste Management presentation the potential health impact from the waste collections changing to a fortnightly schedule was missing.
- When assessing cuts in one area, eg Physical & Mental Health Wellbeing, an individual may be affected by cuts in other areas. There could be wider health impact assessments.
- There was a need to work together to ensure people were aware of the services available..
- There will be grey areas regarding spend.
- Sue Harris could give a bit more assurance regarding transport budgets and how they were used.
- More detail in general was required about how things were being addressed.
- Chris Jordan was asked to comment on the street scene and to get an assessment done after the meeting.
- Louise Collett undertook to share the Health inequalities, health impact assessments
- Alternatives should be looked at for Adult Care Centres and it should be ensured that people were aware of what alternatives were available and be signposted to them.
- The possibility of changing the strategy will be discussed in the autumn.

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- The Board had a responsibility to collectively own how best to work together to ensure they communicate and engage with citizens.
- The Workshop in November will reflect on the strategy and how it will be delivered. The 2025-2026 budget for May will also be discussed
- It was suggested that Members should email any questions/comments to Aidan Hall for him to arrange for officers to respond.

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RESOLVED:-

That the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB):-

- i. Receive and note the presentations delivered by Directorates and comments from Members; and
- ii. Commits to working in partnership to deliver the Health & Wellbeing Strategy in the context of the financial challenges facing the Council, and other system partners.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD EXECUTIVE GROUP PAPERS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The following report was submitted:-

(See document attached)

Dr Clara Day presented this item to Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board with the recommendations from the Executive Group

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RESOLVED:-

That the Health and Wellbeing Board note and approve the recommendations from the Executive Group

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD FORWARD PLAN

The following Forward Plan was submitted:-

(See document attached)

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RESOLVED:-

That the Forward Plan be noted.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

13 Dates of future meetings were as follows:-

Thursdays at 1000 hours

26 September 2024

21 November 2024 (Workshop)

30 January 2025

27 March 2025

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

14 It was noted that the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 21 November, 2024 had been changed to a workshop.

The meeting ended at 1226 hours.

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CHAIR