



The purpose of this paper is to report on progress on t

he direct involvement of Ventnor Town Council in the emerging Locality Working arrangements for the delivery of the Island's Health and Wellbeing services.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) In building on the work of the My Life a Full Life programme the partners – the Isle of Wight Council, the IW NHS Trust and the IW Clinical Commissioning Group – agreed in June last year a framework for service delivery based on the division of the Island into three Localities: North East Wight, West and Central Wight and South Wight.
- b) Each of these is intended to have a Locality Management Group bringing together senior staff from each of the major service delivery areas.
- c) The development has taken on a new significance following the Island's qualification for the Government's Vanguard Programme with access to significant funding and consultancy support.
- d) The intention was to involve Town and Parish Councils as part of the voluntary sector with representation through a Community Action Isle of Wight officer.
- e) The Town Council considered this development in detail at both an informal meeting of 5 May and its formal public meeting of 18 May at which its decision is recorded in Minute 67/15:
 - i) the Town Council believes that direct involvement of the Town Council with the South Wight Locality Team is justified by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment prepared for the town by Public Health as part of the Our Place Programme;
 - ii) asks its Clerk to prepare and present the case for that involvement to the Deputy Director of Public Health as the Public Health Lead for the South Wight Locality Team; and
 - iii) approves the Town Clerk's proposal of its Community Development Officer Tony McCarthy as the Town Council's representative in that regard.
- f) The case for the direct involvement of the Town Council was prepared and submitted to the Deputy Director of Public Health on 25 May and included in the papers for the Town Council meeting of 8 June.
- g) The response from the Deputy Director of Health was that the case should be made to the meeting being organised by Community Action Isle of Wight for 15 July to which representation had been invited from all 13 of the Town and Parish Councils in the South Wight Region.

2) THE MEETING

- a) The 15 July meeting at 7.30pm was held at Salisbury Gardens' Green Room. In addition to Ventnor just four other Town and Parish Councils were represented – Chale, Arreton, Wroxall and Niton – the Chair of Lake was present as the representative of Healthwatch.
- b) The only other Clerk present was Niton's with the others being represented by Members.
- c) The Locality Management Board was represented by a GP, Public Health's Deputy Director Anita Cameron-Smith and the Nurse Lead, Mark Rawlinson with Paul Savill of Community Action IW chairing.
- d) It lasted just short of an hour and a half and although some useful information about the development of the Locality Working Framework was shared, apart from an acceptance of the Community Action IW officer's suggestion for another meeting in three months' time there were no decisions of note.

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- e) I was invited at the end to summarise Ventnor's view, including the role of our Community Development Officer as representative to the Management Board.
 - f) This was supported by Chale, Arreton and Wroxall with Niton's Clerk saying she would need to consult with the Parish Council. She has subsequently confirmed Niton's support and Sandown's Clerk had already emailed her support.
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3) ASSESSMENT

- a) The fact that Ventnor Town Council now has support for its proposal from all the Town and Parish Councils in the South Wight Locality that have shown any interest in engagement with the Locality Working Framework is obviously welcome.
 - b) The disappointment is that more than a year since the commitment to establish this locally based delivery framework for some of the most important services Island residents depend on – and increasingly will do – the Local Management Board had only met once.
 - c) There was no clarity available about either its membership or future meetings and confusion about working practices and processes.
 - d) In summary it was described as work in progress and we were urged to be patient in respect of future engagement.
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4) OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

- a) Following the meeting, Tony McCarthy and I were offered by Public Health's Deputy Director a meeting with her and a colleague to discuss their involvement with Asset Based Community Development – usually referred to as ABCD – and that took place on 20 July.
 - b) They described their involvement with a consultancy specialising in ABCD that has already delivered two days' training in the approach and would be returning for a further day at the end of August and asked if we would be interested in connecting with it.
 - c) ABCD is an approach to Community Development that dates back to 1993 and, as Tony McCarthy remarked, contains nothing new and is often criticised by other practitioners.
 - d) We shared the Town Council's approach to Community Development over the last three years including the recent involvement with the Our Place Programme
 - e) We have also been offered a yet to be arranged meeting to discuss the implementation of the Locality Co-ordinator teams.
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