

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** 

**REPORT 77/15** 

**14 SEPTEMBER 2015** 

The purpose of this paper is to report on the latest developments in the Town Council's engagement with the development of the South Wight Locality structures for the delivery of Health and Wellbeing services.

## No. DETAIL

## I) BACKGROUND

- a) The ongoing development of the My Life A Full Life programme approach to the delivery of `Health and Wellbeing Services on the Island has seen the division of it into three Localities: West Central Wight, North East Wight and South Wight.
- b) A map showing the boundaries is attached to this Report.
- c) The South Wight Locality includes 13 Town and Parish Councils and Ventnor Town Council's strategic approach has been to seek representation for all 13 through Ventnor Town Council's Community Development Officer, Tony McCarthy.
- d) This proposal was accepted by the 5 Town and Parish Councils represented at a meeting for the area convened by Community Action IoW's MLAFL link officer Paul Savill held in our Green Room on 15 July and has been approved by two others.
- e) The approach has been broadly welcomed by the MLAFL lead officers as evidenced by an invitation to be included in a South Locality Forum held on 27 August.

## 2) SOUTH LOCALITY FORUM

- a) The attendance list for the Forum, held at the Innovation Centre in Newport is attached for Members' information.
- b) Ventnor was the only Town or Parish Council invited to what was introduced as the first ever Forum of the providers of Health and Wellbeing services in the area.
- c) The inevitably very short descriptions of their areas and activities of service were impressive and was their clear commitment to their work and their sense of the value greater integration of services would bring to it.
- d) What is not yet present are the structures to facilitate that greater integration and the governance arrangements for accountability and responsiveness to the communities of the Locality.

## 3) RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to note the developments to date and advise their officers on future steps needed to secure the full engagement of the South Wight Locality Town and Parish Councils.