

REPORT 56/16

The purpose of this paper is to record developments in the Town Council's commitment to achieve effective and constructive engagement by Town and Parish Councils within the My Life a Full Life Programme.

No. DETAIL

I) BACKGROUND

- a) At its meeting of 18 May 2015 and following the Town Council's success in securing a change to the draft Health & Wellbeing Strategy to include a reference to the role of Town and Parish Councils, Minute 67/15 resolved:
 - 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.
- b) The case for the involvement of Town and Parish Councils involvement with the My Life a Full Life Programme's three Locality areas was submitted to the Deputy Director of Public Health on 25 May 2015 but no formal response was forthcoming.
- c) The Town Council's meeting of 8 June 2015 agreed to submit the case to the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) but was never progressed by them.
- d) Various attempts to get the case considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board and/or Locality Management Teams also received no formal response.

2) **DEVELOPMENTS**

- a) As the My Life a Full Life Programme's involvement in the government's Vanguard Programme's 50 Pilot areas for the development of New Models of Care reached its Whole System Integrated Review (WISR) process, a meeting was requested with its senior staff to present the potential for contributions from Town and Parish Councils.
- b) A meeting was arranged by one of WISR's Consultants; it took place on 20 April and was attended by five Town and Parish Council's but no senior My Life a Full Life Programme staff.
- c) A further meeting with such staff was promised by WISR's Lay Chair who was present.
- d) That took place on 18 July at County Hall with representatives from seven Town and Parish Councils meeting with the My Life a Full Life Programme Director, the Interim Director of Adult and Social Care and the Chief Operating Officer of the NHS Trust.
- e) Ventnor Town Council's presentation on the role of Town and Parish Councils and their potential contribution to the Progamme was received positively and prompted an hour of constructive discussion ending with agreement to acknowledge Bembridge Parish Council, Freshwater Parish Council and Ventnor Town Council as the leads for Town and Parish Councils in each of the three locality areas.

3) NEXT STEPS

- a) At the end of the 18 July meeting, the Programme Director tabled her new draft proposals for Locality working, a copy of which is attached to this Report.
- b) As they look remarkably similar to what has already been tried, the three lead Town and Parish Councils have requested a meeting with appropriate WISR Consultants to explore a more robust model for resident engagement through Town and Parish Councils; the request has been agreed and a date for it in process of being arranged.

c) The Programme Director, Nicola Longson has also offered to meet with the three leads on 20 September from 4-5pm at Bembridge.

4) **RECOMMENDATION**

The Town Council is recommended to note the developments and comment on the proposed model for Locality Working.



