SOUTH WIGHT LOCALITY

REPORT 109/15

The purpose of this paper is to report progress in the Town Council's engagement with developments in the delivery of Health and Wellbeing services with particular reference to the South Wight Locality.

No. DETAIL

I) CONTEXT

- a) The My Life a Full Life Programme has set the pattern for locality working aiming to *change* the face of social and health care on the Island, helping people live life to the full. To achieve this the programme is working in partnership with local people, voluntary organisations and the private sector to deliver a more coordinated approach to the delivery of health and social care services for older people, and people with long term conditions on the Island.
- b) This is based on the development of the three locality areas for the Island agreed in June last year: North and East Wight, West and Central Wight and South Wight.
- c) There are 13 Town and Parish Councils in the South Wight Locality and when this was first reported to the Town Council's May meeting they were simply regarded as part of the voluntary sector and had no direct engagement with the emerging structures.
- d) By Minute 67/15 of that meeting, the Town Council committed to seeking direct representation on behalf of all 13 Town and Parish Councils through its Community Development Officer and tasked its Clerk with preparing a case for that and present it to the Deputy Director of Public Health.
- e) The programme's intended forum for Town and Parish Councils took the form of quarterly meetings for the South Wight Locality held on 15 July and 8 October. Attended by few other that staff and even fewer attending both with neither Agenda nor reports they clearly could not provide the linkages, the transparency or the accountability the programme needs and the Town Council wants.
- f) It was further intended that these functions be effected solely through the role of an officer employed by Community Action IW as the voluntary sector link.

2) **DEVELOPMENTS**

- a) The Mayor, our Community Development Officer and the Clerk have been involved in several meetings with the programme's senior staff about the absence of both clarity and communication of the actual structures, the membership of the various Boards and Workstreams that are emerging and their respective responsibilities and accountabilities.
- b) These led to the My Life a Full Life programme's Integrated Localities Workstream Lead Gill Kennet sending us a paper intended to fill the communication gap to us for review and comment.
- c) In response, an officer level meeting with Gill Kennet to discuss the paper was requested and took place at the My Life a Full Life offices in the Innovation Centre on 27 November.
- d) A copy of the draft document is attached to this Report for Members' information as it does provide some additional clarification of the emerging structures.
- e) The meeting also gave us the opportunity to raise the Town Council's proposal for direct engagement at the level of the Locality Management Board and Gill Kennett subsequently forwarded the proposal to the members of that Board.

3) LOCALITY CO-ORDINATORS

- a) Meanwhile, our request for more information about the role of Locality Co-ordinators led to a meeting with Public Health's Heather Rowell and their consultant for the development with the Mayor and Clerk on 9 December.
- b) Heather helpfully supplied a map of the Island divided into 12 areas that Public Health hopes to appoint a Locality Co-ordinator to in due course: there are three in post at present with a further three to be appointed very soon and the other six, dependent on access to the Vanguard Funding, from 1 April next year.
- c) A copy of the map is attached to this report.
- d) One of the initial three is within the South Wight Locality Area, covering the Bay area; it is proposed that one of the next three will be appointed to the Ventnor area.
- e) Their core task is to make contact with the more marginalised residents of their area and facilitate their integration into their local communities.

4) **RECOMMENDATION**

The Town Council is recommended to support the appointment of a Locality Co-ordinator to the Ventnor area and assist Public Health with the selection process and the successful applicant's work.



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