

THANET HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2017 at 10.00 am in the Austen Room, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Ms Button, Mr Hart, Dr Martin, Ms McLaughlin, Ms Ogilvie, Cllr Rev. Piper and Ms Sykes.

In Attendance: Ms Smith

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ms Carpenter, Councillor Wells and Ms Homer for whom Ms Button was present as a substitute.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The board agreed the minutes to be a correct record of the meeting that was held on 7 September 2017.

4. UPDATE ON THE LOCAL CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP GROUP

Ms McLaughlin, Chair of the Local Children's Partnership Group (LCPG), provided a presentation on the work of the partnership.

During consideration of the item it was noted that:

- A core theme of the partnership was a recognition that every child was unique and that the needs of the child should be put at the heart of everything that was done.
- There was a wide range of representatives in LCPG and additional representatives were always welcome.
- Some of the indicators within the dashboard were not really fit for purpose; however it did provide a rough guide of the challenges faced within Thanet.
- Thanet featured in the bottom three districts for 13 of the 17 dashboard indicators across Kent.
- 22% of families with primary school aged children, and 15% of families with secondary school aged children lived in short term privately rented low cost accommodation.
- The LCPG had a number of priorities in 2017/18 that were grouped into two outcomes:
 - Outcome 1 – Safer Families and Communities: which promote and support the ability for Thanet's children to grow up in safe families and communities; free from neglect or domestic abuse, with safe and stimulating places to play, learn and socialise
 - Outcome 2 – Opportunities to Achieve: which improve the educational aspirations, outcomes and career prospects of young people in Thanet from pre-school age through to post 16, overcoming barriers to achievement and providing opportunities to develop core life skills.
- Last year 17 grant requests were received and six were granted. The objectives of the successful bids were in support of the LCPG's priorities, and a review would be conducted during November.

- The priorities for 2018-19 has been slightly amended from 2017/18 to the following:
 - Outcome 1 – Safer Families and Communities: Priority Areas of Concern for Thanet’s Local Children’s Partnership Group are children and young people; who go missing, who suffer neglect, and those who are at risk of exploitation. In addition, improve their awareness of risk taking behaviour including substance misuse, unprotected sex and group violence and to support them in building resilience
 - Outcome 2 – Opportunities to Achieve: Priority Areas of Concern for Thanet’s Local Children’s Partnership Group are key transition points but especially;
 - Supporting development in pre-birth and early years so that there are fewer barriers for their successful transition into Primary School; by developing a shared understanding of school readiness and to support families to help their children from pre-birth through the Early years to develop this.
 - To reduce those post 16 young people not in education, training or employment can be supported to identify, access appropriate education, employment or training opportunities to enable them to successfully realise their aspirations
- Representatives from TDC and Thanet CCG had met with Greenwich and Lewisham Council’s to discuss out of area looked after children. Following this meeting actions were in place to improve communication between the councils.
- There was concern within the medical community that medical treatment for ADHD was being over used and relied upon as a quick fix to the detriment of the child. There was need to consider and address environmental or parenting issues in some case. Dr Martin highlighted a TED talk by Nadine Burke Harris on the issue which can be seen at the address below:
https://www.ted.com/talks/nadine_burke_harris_how_childhood_trauma_affects_health_across_a_lifetime
- Problems with speech and language had been identified as a core contributing factor that was often found at the root of a wide range of issues that effect upon troubled children. In recognition of this a programme to up-skill health visitors to provide speech and language support would begin in November. This programme was being led by the Head of Health Visiting Services and Ms Smith would provide Ms Ogilvie with contact details.
- Ms McLaughlin would give the THWBB a further update regarding the LCPG in the early part of 2018.

5. EAST KENT PROGRAMME BOARD UPDATE

Ms Ogilvie provided the board with a summary of the headlines from the report and suggested that an updated on tears of care could be provided at a future meeting. This was agreed by the Board.

6. THANET LEADERSHIP GROUP - STATEMENT OF INTENT

Ms Button, Head of Safer Neighbourhoods, TDC, introduced the item, noting that the intention was to build upon the proven success that partnership working had achieved in the past. A key theme to move the group forward was the aspiration to have one view, one voice and one budget.

During consideration of the item it was noted that:

- The statement of intent was the first step for the group, the next stage would be to agree how exactly these intentions would be realised.
- Ms Sykes enquired what the relationship between the Thanet Leadership Group and the Thanet Health and Wellbeing Board would be in terms of governance and

decision making powers. Ms Button offered to make enquires and respond to her after the meeting.

Note regarding the Cancer Steering Group.

Ms Ogilve would advise Ms Sykes about details of the next meeting of the Cancer Steering Group. Responsibility for leadership of the group had recently been taken on by Dr Bonnett.

Meeting concludedog: 11.10 am