

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**MINUTES OF THE TOWER HAMLETS HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**HELD AT 5.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 12 JANUARY 2016**

**COMMITTEE ROOM MP702, 7TH FLOOR, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE  
CRESCENT, LONDON E14 2BG**

**Members Present:**

Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)	– (Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services)
Councillor Rachael Saunders (Member)	– (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education & Children's Services)
Councillor David Edgar (Member)	– (Cabinet Member for Resources)
Dr Somen Banerjee (Member)	– (Director of Public Health)
Dr Amjad Rahi (Member)	– (Healthwatch Tower Hamlets Representative)
Jane Milligan (Member)	– (Chief Officer, Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group)

**Co-opted Members Present:**

Dr Ian Basnett	– (Public Health Director, Barts Health NHS Trust)
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**Other Councillors Present:**

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**Apologies:**

Debbie Jones	– (Corporate Director, Children's Services)
Luke Addams	– (Service Head Adult Social Care)
Dr Sam Everington	– (Chair, Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group)
Steve Stride	– (Chief Executive, Poplar HARCA)
Dr Navina Evans	– Chief Executive East London NHS Foundation Trust

**Others Present:**

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**Officers in Attendance:**

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- 1. STANDING ITEMS OF BUSINESS**
- 2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**COUNCILLOR AMY WHITELOCK-GIBBS (VICE-CHAIR IN THE CHAIR)**

**1.1 Chair's Opening Remarks**

Councillor Whitelock-Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting. Following introductions, she advised that the focus of the meeting was on a workshop to focus on the development on priorities around the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2020 and the Spatial Planning and Health - Refreshing the Local Plan for Tower Hamlets.

**1.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence was received from Mayor John Biggs (Chair), Dr Sam Everington (NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group), Luke Addams (Director of Adults Services), Debbie Jones (Director of Childrens' Services), Dr Navina Evans (Deputy Chief Executive of East London and Foundation Trust) and Steve Stride (Chief Executive, Poplar HARCA).

**1.3 Public Questions**

The Board noted that no questions had been received from members of the public.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2015**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 be agreed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillor Edgar and Dr Amjad Rahi on the list of those present.

**5. ACTIONS UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

None.

**6. FORWARD PROGRAMME**

The Board noted the Forward Plan, having heard that as part of the next meeting in March 2016 there would be a reflection on the workshop on the development on priorities around the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. It was envisaged that there would be the need to extend the meeting for 30minutes or one hour to complete the business on the agenda.

## **7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **7.1 Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2020 - Vision and Focus Workshop**

The Health and Wellbeing Board split into five groups for the workshop which started at 6.30pm.

### **7.2 Spatial Planning and Health - Refreshing the Local Plan for Tower Hamlets**

The report was presented by Ellie Kuper Thomas (Strategic Planning, LBTH) and Tim Madeline (Public Health, LBTH).

The report summarised the new Local Plan which set out a vision, strategic priorities and a planning policy framework to guide and manage development in the Borough for the next 10 to 15 years, in line with the planning policy requirements set out by national and regional government.

The Board noted that it was important for the Borough to have an up to date plan in place with a clear vision, objectives and planning policies to guide development decisions. Together with the London Plan, the Local Plan was a critical tool for a planning authority to plan proactively and positively for development by focusing on the community needs and opportunities in relation to places, housing, economy, infrastructure, local services and other areas. It also sought to safeguard the environment, adapt to climate change and enhance the natural and historic environment.

Officers highlighted the Key Issues for the new local plan. It was noted that the current Local Plan had strengthening Health and Wellbeing as a key strategic cross cutting objective. Officers considered that this should be retained and reiterated in the new plan. Specific issues for consideration in the new Local Plan in relation to health and wellbeing were noted as follows:

- Open and Green Space:
- High Streets which promote wellbeing
- Healthcare Infrastructure
- Housing Design
- Active travel and air quality

It was necessary to consider strategic planning solutions such as higher buildings to ensure the efficient use of space, enhancing transport links and bring routes together, ensuring appropriate level of use of premises by limiting numbers of particular premises on the high street, providing new health facilities to improve the health and wellbeing of residents, improving air quality by encouraging car free housing, cycling and walking over car use.

The Board received an outline of the strategic planning policy in addition with the national plan and how the environment was shaped in the Borough. The policy was to reflect residential partnerships. Evidence was required to prove local need as it would be robustly challenged. The Board heard that officers

would generally consult until April 2016, engaging with stakeholders such as the CCG and external public partnerships. The consultation exercise also asked for omissions identified. Early engagement would be beneficial and the development of the health and wellbeing strategy would be included.

Members asked a number of questions and made various comments in relation to the report. The following points were noted:

- That although secondary schools had a good amount of open spaces and playing fields, primary schools lacked such spaces.
- That with respect to new spaces, there was a disparity of views between of users and design architects. This was due to the differences in the needs of users e.g young residents would have different uses of space from families. There was therefore the need to have a balance of different types of accommodation and the most appropriate use of space which would meet the needs of the communities.
- That there was evidence of disenfranchised communities within the health sector and therefore the need to work with health care partners such as Barts Health.

The Chair thanked all Members and partners of the Health and Wellbeing Board for attendance and contributions and commitment to the next stage of the refreshing of the Local Plan.

## **RESOLVED**

1. That the scope, process and timescales for the new Local Plan be noted.
2. That the impact of the wider physical and socio-economic environment on health be noted.
3. That the key health issues identified in the discussion of the report that should be addressed in the new Local Plan be noted.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board was scheduled to take place at 5.00pm on 15 March 2016.

The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.

Chair, Mayor John Biggs  
Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board