



**REPORT of
DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITY**

**to
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
21 NOVEMBER 2017**

**DISTRICT COUNTY HEALTH AND WELLBEING FORUM AND MALDON
LIVEWELL PARTNERSHIP GROUP**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the aim of this newly formed forum and to seek a nomination from this Committee to deputise for Councillor R G Boyce MBE, when unable to attend.
- 1.2 To update Members on progress with the Maldon Livewell Partnership Group (formerly known as the Maldon Health and Wellbeing Partnership Group).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) To nominate a Member of the Community Services Committee who is able to act as a Deputy for Councillor R G Boyce MBE on the District County Health and Wellbeing Forum (DCHWF). *Next meeting scheduled for 4 December*
- (ii) To note the part of the report which relates to the update on the Maldon Livewell Partnership Group

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

3.1 District County Health and Wellbeing Forum

- 3.1.1 The inaugural meeting of the District County Health and Wellbeing Forum (DCHWF) was held at the Essex Records Office on 19 September. Councillor R G Boyce MBE was in attendance as the newly appointed Chairman of the Maldon Livewell Partnership Group (formerly known as the Maldon Health and Wellbeing Partnership Group).
- 3.1.2 The DCHWF has been developed by Essex County Council as a conduit for information from Local Authorities which is discussed at the Essex Local Authority Public Health Network Meeting (ELAPHNM) to the Essex County Council Health and Wellbeing Board and for members of the ECHWB to in turn be able to feed information back to Local Authorities. The Local Authority representative is generally the Chairperson of the Local Authority Health and Wellbeing Group, in Maldon's case the Maldon Livewell Partnership Group Chairman, currently

Councillor R G Boyce MBE. The full context, aims and terms of reference of this group are attached as an **APPENDIX 1** to this report.

3.2 Maldon Livewell Partnership Group

- 3.2.1 The Maldon Livewell Partnership Group (formerly the Maldon Health and Wellbeing Partnership Group) has undergone a refresh of the Terms of Reference, aims and objectives, and membership, in order to bring it in line with current working practices. Councillor Boyce acted as Chairman for the first meeting of the current municipal year held on Wednesday 13 September and was duly elected to continue as Chairman of the Group. This Group will concentrate on projects that fit with the Corporate aims of the Council namely Obesity Child and Adult, Old Age, Frailty, Isolation and Educational Attainment, with an acknowledgement that mental health is a thread that runs through all of these.
- 3.2.2 Part of the public health monies (external funding) for the current financial year (up to £15,000) will be offered as a grant pot to the community for projects which contribute to the above corporate activities. A press release and forms are currently being prepared by Officers to start this process.
- 3.2.3 Further money has been ringfenced by Essex County Council Public Health for the maintenance of the Essex Livewell Website which will be the subject of a further report to Committee.
- 3.2.4 Brought forward public health (externally funded) monies are also available to fill the vacant Public Health Officer post. This post will also help support the aims and objectives of the Maldon Livewell Partnership Group. The job description for this post has been agreed and is currently with Human Resources awaiting an advertisement.
- 3.2.5 There is also a requirement from Essex County Council Public Health for each Local Authority Partnership Group to develop a Wellbeing Strategy which would feed into the Essex County Council Health and Wellbeing Strategy, currently in the process of development.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 Members are asked to consider the nomination of a Member representative to deputise for Councillor R G Boyce MBE on the new District County Health and Wellbeing Forum.
- 4.2 Members are asked to note the progress with the Maldon Livewell Partnership Group.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE GOALS

- 5.1 This activity supports the corporate goals of enabling, supporting and empowering communities to be active, safe and healthy and to be an authority that delivers good quality, cost effective and valued services in a transparent way.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – There is a significant benefit for the residents of the Maldon District by continuing to work in partnership to provide health and wellbeing initiatives.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – This report does not seek to disadvantage any resident of, or visitor to the Maldon District.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – None.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – Officer time to service Committees and undertake project work.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** - Officer time for attendance of meetings and frontline officer resource time for defined partnership projects together with projects owned by Maldon District Council.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None.

Background Papers:

Terms of Reference for the following groups:-

- District County Health and Wellbeing Forum
- Maldon Livewell Partnership Group

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