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**COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING WORKING GROUP**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report asks Local Committee to form a South Lakeland Health and Wellbeing Forum and to disestablish its Community and Wellbeing Working Group. If agreeable, the Local Committee is asked to nominate elected representatives on to the Health and Wellbeing Forum.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 Improved locality working is one of the ways the Council is delivering on the priorities in the Council Plan challenging poverty, ensuring vulnerable people receive the support they need and improving the life chances of the most disadvantaged with the overall aim being to be as effective and efficient as possible. The approach outlined in this report underpins the aims and activities within the Health and Well-being part of the Plan.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Members are asked to establish a South Lakeland Health and Wellbeing Forum with partners.

3.2 Members are asked to disestablish the Community and Wellbeing Working Group and that the following members of that working group, David Fletcher, Mark Wilson, Jim Bland and Brenda Gray are nominated to represent CCC on the South Lakeland Health and Wellbeing Forum.
4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Attached at Appendix A are the minutes of the Community and Wellbeing Working Group held on the 19th February, 2014 which provide further information in support of the above recommendations.

4.2 At present South Lakeland is the only district in Cumbria which doesn’t have a Health and Well-being Forum which can feed into the Countywide Health & Wellbeing Board. The Board has previously agreed that the locality forums are an integral part of delivering the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and each forum will use the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy to identify local priorities. This will enable the Board to identify local gaps in delivery and offer assistance to localities in delivering activities. The forums also provide the mechanism for locality issues to influence the Board in a structured manner. At present the principal representative for the south of the county on the Health and Wellbeing Board is Cllr Dave Pidduck, Barrow Borough Council and the second representative is Cllr Peter Thornton, South Lakeland District Council, who attend on a rotational basis annually.

4.3 Elected members and officers from Cumbria County Council, South Lakeland District Council, and a representative from the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group met recently to explore the potential of a Health and Wellbeing Forum for South Lakeland which would feed into the various partnerships which presently exist i.e. the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the SL Local Committee and the One South Lakeland Board. This would negate the need for three separate working groups, enabling partners to come together to agree local priorities, discuss local issues, agree local interventions and essentially have one unified voice for South Lakeland. In addition to one group being more effective, there will be efficiencies through a reduction in secretariat resources (1 group rather than 3) and also in elected member and officer time.

4.4 At the Local Committee’s Community and Wellbeing Working Group meeting on the 19th February, Members agreed to recommend to Local Committee that a joint health and Wellbeing Forum for South Lakeland be convened and that the Community and Wellbeing Working Group be disestablished.

4.5 It is envisaged that the inaugural meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Forum will take place in early June where the Terms of Reference will be drawn up and agreed. The local NHS CCG has agreed to provide the secretariat for the forum. Members of South Lakeland Local Committee will be key members of the Forum and therefore regular update and performance reports will be brought to the Local Committee during the year.

4.6 This partnership approach fits within the Local Committee’s aspiration to work much more closely with the District Council and wider partners. As Area Planning is taken forward this partnership offers a key opportunity to deliver a seamless service and joined-up interventions and support to the communities across South Lakeland.
5.0 **OPTIONS**

5.1 The Local Committee may choose to retain the Health and Communities Working Group and not be part of the Health and Wellbeing Forum, however this will limit the influence of Local Committee and its ability to work effectively and efficiently with its partners.

6.0 **RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The recommendation of the report does not have any direct financial implications over and above existing commitments in respect of Member and officer involvement.

7.0 **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 The Local Committee is authorised to accept the recommendation and there are no specific legal implications arising from the report.

8.0 **CONCLUSION**

8.1 This partnership approach will ensure that South Lakeland is able to influence service delivery in the area to tackle local issues. It will be able to collectively consider the health profile of South Lakeland, understand the existing health inequalities, the underlying causes and work together to develop or influence solutions.

Jim Savege  
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*March 2014*

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**APPENDICES**

Appendix A – Minutes of the Community and Wellbeing Working Group, 19th February 2014  
Appendix B – Minutes of the joint exploration meeting, 22nd January 2014

Electoral Division(s): All in South Lakeland

*Please remove whichever option is not applicable*
Executive Decision

Key Decision

If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan? **N/A**

Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency? **No**

If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained? **N/A**

Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? **Yes**
If so, give details below.

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken? **N/A**

Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken? **N/A**

_N.B._ If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers

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Appendix A

Notes of the meeting of South Lakeland Local Committee
Community & Wellbeing Working Group held on 19th February 2014.

Attended by: Cllrs J McCreesh (Chair), D Fletcher, M Wilson, J Bland, W Wearing

Officers: Karen Johnson, Area Support Manager

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest.
   Apologies were received from Cllr Brenda Gray. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting
   The Chair noted that the Terms of Reference and the Priorities for Health recommended by the previous meeting of the Working Group on 30th July 2013 had been approved at Local Committee on 26th September 2013.

3. South Lakeland Health & Wellbeing Forum
   The Chair reported that the Cumbria Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy is owned by the Cumbria Health & Wellbeing Board and the Board has agreed that Locality Health & Wellbeing Forums are an integral part of delivering the Strategy. Five Locality Forums have already been established but South Lakeland is not yet up and running.
   Currently there are three strands, CCC Local Committee, One South Lakeland and the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group all working separately on Health and Wellbeing issues in South Lakeland. It was felt that it is important that a Locality Forum is set up for South Lakeland as it currently has no single voice as a means of influencing or directly communicating with the Health & Wellbeing Board on local issues.
   An exploratory meeting was held on 22nd January with representatives from CCC and SLDC (members and officers) and Helen Bailey from the NHS. It was felt that there was a need to engage locally with GPs, the 3rd Sector, Hospital Trusts, Adult Social Care and Education. Therefore the model for the South Lakeland Forum would include representatives from Local Committee, One South Lakeland, the CCG and the Hospital Trusts. It was felt that it would be to the advantage of the local CCG representative to be engaged in the local process as his colleagues are in other areas as there is a need for the group to be able to influence GPs and the CCG who control much of the funding.
   Members agreed that the best way forward would be to establish a Locality Health & Well Being Forum for South Lakeland and that the terms of reference already set out for the Barrow Locality Forum could be used as a starting point for South Lakeland.
   The NHS representative had advised the exploratory meeting that she would have capacity to provide administrative support for the Forum and Karen Johnson, ASM, would be responsible for ensuring that the notes of any meetings of the Forum were circulated to South Lakeland Local Committee.

As far as a strategy for the Locality Forum is concerned it was suggested that the Cumbria Joint Strategy, SLDC’s strategy, the JSNA should all be put on the table for consideration.
**Recommendations**
That Local Committee agrees to

The establishment, in principle, of a Locality Health & Wellbeing Forum for South Lakeland, whose membership will include County Council officers and members as well as representatives from SLDC and other bodies.

That the South Lakeland Local Committee Community & Wellbeing Working Group is dissolved and that the following members of that Working Group, Mark Wilson, Jim Bland, David Fletcher and one of either John McCreesh or Brenda Gray, are proposed to represent CCC on the Locality Health & Wellbeing Forum.

That the ASM is tasked, with Claire Gould from SLDC and Helen Bailey from NHS, to set up an inaugural meeting of the Locality Health & Wellbeing Forum to agree terms of reference and membership.

4. **Key Local Priorities**
The ASM advised that delivery of the local Area Plan would include focus on health issues specific to South Lakeland. The Health Profile for Cumbria will be tracked by the CCG but it will not necessarily drill down to District and Ward levels which is where the Locality Forum can raise awareness or suggest action on specific themes with achievable outcomes, to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

For example, it was suggested that reviving the Pass Plus scheme might be a way to tackle the higher incidence of Road Injuries/Deaths in South Lakeland. A suggestion was made that to combat isolation particularly following bereavement, an early intervention mechanism could be developed to help GPs, Clergy and the Registrars to work together to identify those potentially in need of assistance.

CCC Adult Services has already expressed a desire to work more closely with Area Support teams.

Communities should be encouraged to include Health and Wellbeing measures in Parish and Community-led plans to develop community resilience.

5. **Better Care Together**
Members noted that the Better Care Fund is different from the Better Care Together Review currently being undertaken by local NHS organisations.

The Better Care Together project is being led by the CCG and is working to provide better hospital services and, where possible, cheaper local alternatives. It was suggested that Better Care Together should be put on an early agenda for the Locality Health & Wellbeing Forum. The Better Care Fund is not new or additional money but consists of money that is already assumed and spent within organisations that can be used to protect investment in Adult Social Care Services.
Appendix B

South Lakeland Health and Wellbeing Forum

Exploratory Meeting

22nd January 2014

Present: Cllr John McCreesh, CCC
Cllr Geoff Cook, CCC
Cllr Peter Thornton, SLDC
Cllr Graham Vincent, SLDC
Karen Johnson, CCC
Claire Gould, SLDC
Simon Rowley, SLDC
Helen Bailey, NHS

The meeting opened by setting out the current structures which are in place in Cumbria and South Lakeland (see attached diagram), including the various reporting lines and remits of the organisations.

The Health and Wellbeing Board is a strategic countywide partnership group with the following remit:

i) To oversee the Cumbria Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
ii) To develop a health and wellbeing strategy to improve health outcomes for Cumbria
iii) To ensure a collaborative commissioning system for health and wellbeing in Cumbria, especially across NHS and Local Authority Commissioning systems

It aims to have 6 Health and Wellbeing Forums in each of the District areas of Cumbria with the remit to:

i) Interpret and ensure delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Board’s agreed objectives at local level using the district level JSNA to inform an action plan.
ii) Inform, shape and influence the business of the Board.
In Cumbria at present there are 5 Health & Wellbeing Forums in place – South Lakeland is currently the only district area without a direct link to the Board.

A proposal was put to the group detailing how South Lakeland partners could effectively and efficiently feed into the Board while at the same time ensuring that CCC Local Committee, One South Lakeland and the NHS can remain updated and involved. It would require just one Forum to be put in place which would serve all three local bodies and reduce the need for three separate working groups. Considering local issues in greater depth, planning together and having one clear voice will strengthen the South Lakeland position and create a credible influencing group.

Following some discussion regarding expectations, local delivery and influencing opportunities, it was agreed that a Health and Wellbeing Forum for South Lakeland should be developed.

The group felt strongly that a request should be made to the Health & Wellbeing Board for representation on the Board itself from the Forum.

Terms of Reference, including membership and governance, will be developed for consideration by the Health and Well Being Forum at its inaugural meeting.

Each of the organisations present would report back to their respective committees to update on developments and to seek agreement to take this forward.