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CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH SENIOR OFFICERS COMMUNITIES NETWORK

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Executive Director People and Communities Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider the purpose and remit of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Senior Officers Communities Network, and; 2. Consider how the Health and Wellbeing Board can support and benefit from current and future work programmes. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board following a request made by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Senior Officers Communities Network.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Senior Officers Communities Network, outlining the reasons for the network, its membership and work it is engaged in, in order that the Board can influence its priorities and gain maximum benefit from the Network's outcomes.

2.2 This report is for the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 2.7.2.1:

To bring together the leaders of health and social care commissioners to develop common and shared approaches to improving the health and wellbeing of the community.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Main Purpose

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Senior Officer Communities Network was formed to bring together key partners across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire at a strategic level, to deliver against our shared ambition to build stronger, self-sustaining communities.

4.2 Background

Building community capacity is a shared goal across the public sector. In addition to often delivering better outcomes, it is an underpinning driver to manage demand away from more costly services. Many public sector organisations across the statutory, discretionary and voluntary sector are already doing a huge amount to support and encourage community-based work which is making an impact, particularly at a local level. However, more could be done through an alignment of planning and resources at a citywide and countywide level, and this becomes ever more pressing as resources shrink.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Senior Officers Communities network creates a forum where this activity can be understood and shared across partners, and where activity can be commissioned & delivered to best meet need.

4.3 Community Resilience

Community Resilience forms a core part of a system wide approach to demand management, and is the foundation on which the Devolution deal will be delivered, providing the springboard to deliver on health and well-being, economic growth and community safety. It is intended that, as the new arrangements for the Combined Authority come into place, the Communities Network will form part of its wider governance arrangements, defining a set of clear priorities on which the public sector across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough want to make an impact through communities. The work programme for the Communities Network will in particular support the delivery of public services reform and tackling deprivation in this context, much of which will need to be led and delivered at a local level.

4.4 Communities Network Objectives

The objectives of the network are that they will :

- Share plans and proposals for community resilience or capacity-building activity, including the development of local community hubs, employment and skills strategies, and pilots and test beds such as Neighbourhood Cares and social prescribing
- Share, learn from and extend successful new approaches adopted elsewhere or at very local levels
- Decide on joint investment/delivery in prevention within communities to manage demand for high cost services
- Determine how to work together to equip local people with the information, tools and capacity they need to help themselves and each other

The Network will define and jointly commission or deliver against an agreed set of priorities, in agreed locations with agreed target groups.

4.5 Work Programme

The work programme for the Network will evolve as the Network becomes more embedded. Its initial focus however will be on examining and trialling new ways of working collaboratively to:

- tackle isolation and loneliness
- tackle deprivation and reduce poverty
- improve community safety and resilience

The Network will also work closely with the Combined Authority to ensure future devolution deals are aligned to the needs of and potential provided by communities

4.6 Governance

This is not a formal board and therefore there is no statutory requirement to be accountable, other than members of the network reporting into their own governance structures. However due to the

nature of the Network's work, reporting into governance structures linked to the new Combined Authority for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is likely to be developed.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 Not applicable, although it is important to note that membership of the Network is drawn from across a wide range of partners and organisations – the terms of reference at appendix 1 refer.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 The positive impact of the Network will result in improved outcomes for our communities through shared plans and proposals, joint development of improvement activity including that relating to employment and skills and social prescribing.

Joint investment and delivery within communities will help to collectively better manage the demand for high cost services and will provide a joined up, 'one-team' approach with organisations and members of the Network making good use of collective resources, working together to equip local people to help themselves and each other.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 Officers are keen to ensure the Network plays a key role in helping ensure communities are empowered, that demand for statutory services is managed more effectively, and that outcomes for citizens are improved.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 The alternative is for organisations to work more in isolation, each with limited resources and more likelihood of duplication of effort and points of contact with communities.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 At this stage there are no additional costs associated with the Network. It is anticipated that the Network will directly support demand management and therefore help reduce costs across statutory services. Some investment to enable this to happen may therefore become necessary, but this will be subject to a case by case business plan.

Legal Implications

9.2 Not applicable.

Equalities Implications

9.3 It is anticipated that the work of the Network will directly contribute to addressing inequalities through, for example, its work to tackle deprivation, isolation and poverty.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 Not applicable.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 : Communities Network Terms of Reference

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