

Solihull Place Update to Health and Wellbeing Board

14 March 2023

This update provides a summary of the recent discussions held at Solihull Together and the Solihull Place Committee.

Review of Solihull Together and Solihull Place Committee

Solihull has multiple partnership boards focusing on different priorities and workstreams. Work has been taking place to improve co-ordination and communication across boards. Issues have been raised about the co-ordination of Solihull Together, the newly formed Place Committee and the emerging programme of work around the community integrator. A review was therefore undertaken to understand the potential to merge Solihull Together with the Place Committee and a proposal taken to both groups.

The proposal has now been agreed by the Solihull Together Executive Board and the Solihull Place Committee and as a result, alongside the following actions:

- WM Police and Solihull Community Housing to be invited to the Place Committee membership, following approval by the ICB
- Further work to be done to define Place Committee workstreams and clarify accountability and reporting
- Establish the Community Integrator to take on a range of functions, plus some of the workstreams currently under Solihull Together
- Establish a joint strategic commissioning group to co-ordinate and deliver work, taking a steer from and feeding into Place Committee
- Agree the delivery mechanisms for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, acknowledging that the Place Committee will have a key role in this
- Provide regular updates from the Place Committee to HWBB
- Review and agree place resourcing through a core and virtual place team arrangement.

The Committee will consider the new arrangements in more detail at the March meeting. All other boards will remain unchanged at this point but there will be clarification to HWBB of any changes that may be required in the future.

Community Integrator

A document outlining the Community Integrator programme in detail is currently being developed.

The key projects for 2023/24 are:

1. Integrated Urgent Care Services (same day access/integrated hub)
2. Developing an Integrated Respiratory Pathway
3. Developing an Integrated Frailty Pathway (initial focus on care homes)
4. Home First
5. Focus on Prevention and Early Intervention.

All workstreams are underway but further work is being done to describe aims, outcomes and milestones.

A Community Integrator Steering Group will be established and this group will report to Solihull Place Committee on a regular basis.

Fairer Futures Fund

The Place Committee received proposals for allocating the FFF in Solihull.

It was agreed that funded projects would need to align to priorities identified by place and those in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and would be expected to contribute to the outcomes as set out in the Solihull Outcomes Framework.

Allocation in the first year would include:

- Funding against small grants for the VCFSE sector allocated through the council commissioned provider for distribution of small grants.
- Funding for Early Implementer projects, with bids requiring input from more than one organisation (one of which would be the VCFSE sector).

The Committee approved the proposals in principle with further detail being considered at the March meeting for formal approval. Consideration would also be given to commissioning an external organisation to manage the allocation of the remainder of the fund in 2024 and beyond.

Joint Strategic Commissioning Group

The Committee approved a proposal to establish a new Solihull Joint Strategic Commissioning Group which would bring together and enhance capacity across the ICB and Council and deliver the Committee's ambitions.

The new group is currently developing a Terms of Reference, which will include details of role and responsibilities. This will be agreed at the April Place Committee.

Forward plan

The Place Committee agreed to meet on a monthly basis over the next six months. The next meeting will be in March (date tba) and will focus on

- Revised Terms of Reference
- Place Committee priorities
- Fairer Futures Fund detailed proposals
- Additional capacity required for place

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