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## **West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board**

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### **West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board Seminar – Monday, 20 February 2023**

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#### **Summary**

This report provides an overview of the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board Seminar that took place on Monday, 20 February 2023. Hosted by the Chairman of the Board and led by the Chief Executive of Crawley Borough Council, with contributions from the housing leads of district and borough councils in West Sussex, it focused on the impact of COVID-19 so far on the homeless population across West Sussex, and new and emerging cross-cutting issues and developments, including cost of living pressures across our communities.

The Chief Executive of Crawley Borough Council will also provide a verbal update to the Board, including key points from the event.

#### **Recommendation(s) to the Board**

##### **The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to;**

- (1) Continue to include housing and environments as ongoing key priorities in the refreshed Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy from 2024.
- (2) Request the West Sussex Housing Group take forward the key actions identified at the seminar, working collaboratively with stakeholders and partners across the county's health and social care system, providing a progress update to the Health and Wellbeing Board during 2023/2024.

#### **Relevance to [Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy](#)**

The West Sussex Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy identifies housing and environments as key priorities within the Living and Working Well theme, as follows:

- People have access to good quality homes providing a secure place to thrive and promote good health, wellbeing and independent living
- People live, work and play in environments that promote health and wellbeing

The West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board Seminar focused on progressing these key priority areas together as a Board, and with key partners.

## **1 Background and context**

- 1.1 West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board seminars are held regularly to focus on key topic areas, to support the delivery and implementation of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy.
- 1.2 The workshop style setting of the seminars enables the Board to engage collectively in these areas, identifying key challenges and actions they can take to address them to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and communities across West Sussex, reduce inequalities, and promote joined up working across the health and social care system to ensure better quality services for all.
- 1.3 The seminar held on Monday, 20 February 2023, took place in Committee Room 3, County Hall, Chichester.
- 1.4 Hosted by the Chairman of the Board and led by the Chief Executive of Crawley Borough Council, with contributions from the housing leads of district and borough councils in West Sussex, it focused on the impact of COVID-19 so far on the homeless population across West Sussex, and new and emerging cross-cutting issues and developments, including cost of living pressures across our communities.
- 1.5 All Health and Wellbeing Board members were invited to attend, plus members of the West Sussex Health and Care Partnership Executive who are not already members of the Board. As such, the well-attended event, brought together elected councillors and key systems leaders from the health and care system in West Sussex, including the County Council, district and borough councils, the NHS, and the voluntary and community sector.
- 1.6 Key actions identified include considering connections/collaboration between housing and adult social care, longer-term planning informed through analysis of a range of existing data sources, and exploration of how the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) (a Government grant to Councils to fund adaptations to residents' homes) could be used more proactively to support our residents to continue to live independently in their own homes.
- 1.7 A thematic summary including summaries of seminar discussions, and key themes and actions identified, will be shared with Board members and the West Sussex Health and Care Partnership Executive.

## **2 Proposal details**

- 2.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board Seminar that took place on Monday, 20 February 2023.
- 2.2 The West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to continue to include housing and environments as ongoing key priorities in the refreshed Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy from 2024, and to request the West Sussex Housing Group take forward the key actions identified at the seminar, working collaboratively with stakeholders and partners across the county's health and social care system, providing a progress update to the Health and Wellbeing Board during 2023/2024.

### **3 Consultation, engagement and advice**

3.1 Not applicable.

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**Appendices:** None

**Background papers:** None