

ALCA – Report on the People and Communities Board.

North Somerset People and Communities Board appears almost unique in that one organisation combines many different committee roles including the statutory Health and Wellbeing Board.

Role.

Strategic integrated planning and agreement upon joint delivery of matters involving People and Communities.

Membership.

Senior decision makers from all partner agencies and key partners. (see Annexe A for details)

Frequency of Meetings.

Three or four formal meetings per year and three or four 'Appreciative Inquiries' that form a key part of policy development.

Issues Covered or Being Worked Upon in 2016-17

1. Childhood obesity.
2. Oral Health Strategy
3. Better Health Care Fund.
4. Safeguarding Board oversight.
5. Homelessness.
6. Developing a long-term strategy.

During the year I have also attended four external workshops, three on various types of early intervention and prevention and one on delivery of affordable and subsidised housing.

Relationship with Town and Parish Councils.

Whether by design or accident town and parish councils are a key part of future preventative strategies. The NHS and partners have no option but to try to prevent people needing their services. It is estimated that about £33bn of the NHS budget is spent on treating avoidable conditions. Additionally, the cost to the economy of mental health issues has been guestimated at over £100bn.

Town and parish councils already help by facilitating services that we see as normal, the NHS preventative. These include:-

- 1 Walking.
- 2 Allotments.
- 3 Theatre and music clubs.
- 4 Physical activities.

We are embedded in the community and already know its needs without expensive research. We experience change and local conditions. Most members do not consider the wider benefits. Why would we?

Bridging the understanding gap, establishing mutual trust and cooperation whilst ensuring the independence of each town and parish is proving a long hard job largely because so

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many lower down the system do not want to listen. However, we are getting there. It would be a great improvement if consultations were sent out by the Board when they promised, and not the weekend before the closing period, six weeks later. This shall not be repeated.

Copies of key board documents are on the North Somerset web site - <https://apps.n-somerset.gov.uk/cairo/committees/comidx221-2016.asp> (The last meeting was postponed due to the general election)

Jeremy Blatchford

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ANNEX A Membership

Cllr Nigel Ashton, Board Chairman (North Somerset Council);
Dr Mary Backhouse, Board Vice Chairman (North Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group);

Mike Jackson (North Somerset Council) (Chief Executive)
Cllr Felicity Baker (North Somerset Council) (EM Leisure tourism and communities)
Cllr Jan Barber (North Somerset Council) (EM CYPS, Lead Member for Children Services)
Cllr Dawn Payne (North Somerset Council) (EM Adult services)

Cllr Jill Iles (North Somerset Council) (AEM Public Health)

Natalie Field (North Somerset Council) (Public Health)
Mark Hughes (North Somerset Council) (Housing)
Paul Morris (North Somerset Council) (Performance)
Sheila Smith (North Somerset Council) (Director People and Communities)

Georgie Bigg (Healthwatch North Somerset)
Jeremy Blatchford (Avon Local Councils Association)
Peter Brandt (Bristol Somerset Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Community Rehabilitation Company);
Steve Chin (Alliance Homes);
Sarah Allen (Avon Fire and Rescue)
Cara McMahon (Voluntary Action North Somerset);

Sue Mountstevens (Police And Crime Commissioner);
Superintendent Mike Prior (Avon and Somerset Police);
Liz Spencer (National Probation Service).