

Minutes of the Meeting of the HEALTH LIAISON PANEL held at the Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall on 21 November 2024

PRESENT -

Councillor Christine Cleveland (Chair); Councillors Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, Bernie Muir, Kim Spickett and Darren Talbot

In Attendance: Councillor Rod Ashford (Reigate and Banstead Borough Council)

Officers present: Rachel Epton (Community Development Manager), Serena Powis (Community Development Officer) and Victoria Sandri-Healy (Community Development Officer)

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other registrable or non-registrable interests were made by Members in respect of any items to be considered at the meeting.

6 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Panel confirmed as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Panel held on 17 July 2024 and authorised the Chair to sign them.

7 MARY FRANCES TRUST

The proposed presentation on the work of the Mary Frances Trust in Epsom & Ewell and the Safe Harbour Schemes did not take place as the representative(s) from the Mary Frances Trust did not attend the meeting.

8 ACTIVE SURREY DISCUSSION PAPER

The Panel received and considered a discussion paper regarding Active Surrey's Surrey-wide initiatives.

The panel considered the following matters:

- a) The Panel noted that Epsom & Ewell Borough Council grant Active Surrey £2,000 per annum to support Epsom based projects in schools supporting vulnerable young people and are a key part in delivering the Health and Wellbeing Strategy in the Borough.

- b) Members commented that the document was unclear and lacking in background information. They remarked that they were unsure of the purpose of the Friday Night Project and suggested that Epsom & Ewell Borough Council would not be able to fund the Step Out to Step In project.
- c) A Member commented that the Surrey Youth Games were not mentioned in the document and enquired as to what was happening with the Surrey Youth Games in future. They remarked that the Play Streets Project was operating only on Miles Road, Epsom, and enquired as to what the uptake had been across Surrey.

9 GESH LETTER ON INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE

The Panel considered and discussed a letter provided by St George's Epsom and St Helier (GESH) University Hospitals and Health Group, regarding the care of patients with Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) at St Helier Hospital.

In accordance with Appendix 5, CPR 3.7 of the Epsom & Ewell Borough Council Constitution, and s.11b(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, this item was published further to the Chair of the Health Liaison Panel being of the opinion that it should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency owing to her view that it was of high importance that the Panel be made aware of the matter urgently on account of the impact it may have on Epsom & Ewell's residents, and due to recent attention on the matter from the media.

The Panel considered the following matters:

- a) The Panel requested that an update be brought to the next meeting of the Panel, and that a response should be sent setting out the Panel's concerns.
- b) A Member enquired as how many people were affected, what the long-term implications were, and what actions were going to be taken going forward.

The meeting began at 7.00 pm and ended at 7.25 pm

COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE CLEVELAND (CHAIR)