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# Notes of Healthwatch Cheshire CIC Board

Date: 27 June 2022 Venue: Zoom meeting
Time: 10am to 11am Chair: Lynne Turnbull

| | Part 1 – In Public | |
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| Item | Topic | Action |
| 1.1 | **Present:**<br>Chairing the meeting: - Lynne Turnbull – LT (Disability Positive), Chair, Board Member and Director<br>Keith Roper – KR (DIAL West Cheshire), Board Member and Director<br>Mervyn Harding – MH (Youth Federation), Board Member and Director<br>Erica Morriss – EM, Board Member<br><br>**In attendance:**<br>Louise Barry – LB, CEO<br>Alistair Jeffs – AJ (Cheshire West Voluntary Action)<br>Emma McKenzie – EMcK, Administration and Finance Manager (minutes)<br>**Apologies:**<br>Catherine Bowden – CB, Board member<br>Alison Kaye – AK, Board Member<br>George Loughlin – GL, Board Member<br><br>LT welcomed all and apologies were noted. | |
| 1.2 | **Declaration of Relevant Interest**<br>None declared. | |
| 1.3 | **Minutes of previous meeting (enc) and matters arising**<br>Notes were checked for accuracy and matters arising and agreed as an accurate record. | |
| 1.4 | **Action Log (enc)**<br>It was agreed that the standing item to check mental health headlines could be removed as this was part of the bigger picture being monitored. | |
| 1.5 | **CEO Report**<br>LB reported that the Healthwatch Team are very active and doing well despite several instances of Covid illness. Following a recruitment drive, the team is now fully staffed. Three new members of staff are a full time Volunteer Coordinator and Engagement Officer, Amanda Sproson, and two part-time Community Engagement and Project Officers, Esraa Jaser and Jenny Lloyd, who all bring very different skills and attributes to the team. Jem Davies continues to work on an ad hoc basis, providing extra flexibility. | |

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| | Healthwatch England has a new Director, Louise Ansari; LB has met with her several times and a good relationship is developing.<br><br>Cheshire East LA has been selected as a trailblazer for the new Adult Social Care charging reforms – further reports to come.<br><br>The Integrated Care Board (ICB) has its very first public board meeting on 1st July. HW have been given participant status in these meetings. Bi monthly meetings will rotate around the 9 Places in Cheshire and Merseyside and the Lead Officer of each LHW will attend the meeting in their Place. Each HW should receive each meeting's papers.<br>It was clarified that the issues being received by LHW would be raised with the CCG Joint board and MOU for Place are being finalised.<br><br>Our work around GP websites has received comprehensive, positive feedback.<br><br>An invitation to attend HM Lord Lieutenant's Platinum Jubilee service for Cheshire was offered to Pat Clare, a long-standing volunteer, who attended in LB's stead. | |
| 1.6 | **Annual Reports**<br>The draft Annual Reports for both Healthwatch Cheshire East and Healthwatch Cheshire West were considered by the Board. LB commented that really positive and helpful quotations had been received for inclusion this year. The process had also been easier as the team had been reporting regularly on the impact of their activity. | |
| 1.7 | **Independence of Healthwatch Cheshire**<br><br>LB reported that she is regularly in meetings with partners and constantly reminds people of the independence of Healthwatch Cheshire and its importance – no current threat. | |
| 1.8 | **Any Other Business** – notified in advance where possible<br>None. | |
| Next meeting – 3rd October, 10.00 to 11.00am by Zoom. | | |