Agenda Item 1.3

Notes of Healthwatch Cheshire CIC Board

Date: 3 October 2022 Venue: Zoom meeting
Time: 10am to 11am Chair: Lynne Turnbull

	Part 1 – In Public	
Item	Topic	Action
1.1	**Present:** Chairing the meeting: - Lynne Turnbull – LT (Disability Positive), Chair, Board Member and Director Keith Roper – KR (DIAL West Cheshire), Board Member and Director Mervyn Harding – MH (Youth Federation), Board Member and Director Erica Morriss – EM, Board Member **In attendance:** Louise Barry – LB, CEO Alistair Jeffs – AJ (Cheshire West Voluntary Action) Emma McKenzie – EMcK, Administration and Finance Manager (minutes) LT welcomed all.	
1.2	**Declaration of Relevant Interest** None declared.	
1.3	**Minutes of previous meeting (enc) and matters arising** Notes were checked for accuracy and matters arising and agreed as an accurate record.	
1.4	**Action Log (enc)** No actions recorded.	
1.5	**CEO Report** LB reported that, very sadly, Jackie Lewis has left due to ill health. Due to current pressures no marking of the occasion has taken place but we are in touch and some things are planned. Another change to the team is that George Gibson has moved on to CWaC Council for his own progression; HWC could not match the salary. Healthwatch England – Sir Robert Francis is bowing out and a new chair has yet to be announced. The Community Engagement team are very busy and undertook A&E Watch at Leighton Hospital in recent weeks. Spot visits took place and the team spoke to 109 patients – the majority	

	had been elsewhere before attending A&E. Leighton Hospital was chosen for this activity as it is an outlier – currently 120 people in beds who no longer needed to be in hospital. ICS – all 9 LHW represent Healthwatch at ICS and the October meeting will be held in Cheshire East. We will have a stand and are being asked about planning for Voluntary Sector. The report contains links to activity and ICAS information. Separate papers are attached on Governance. The attached Workplan has been submitted to commissioners. Cheshire East Place Partnership Board terms of reference are also attached; this mirrors the agreement in Cheshire West although not sure where H&WBB will sit in East. There may be the possibility of a Board member attending the HWBB. LT – queried whether LHW and SA Partnership are to have voting rights under CE Place – important that everyone is seen as an equal partner with the ability to abstain from a vote if needed. EM – warned LB about being swamped with work and the need to choose priorities, especially with the workload and current staff situation. LB – our quarterly report will be a week late due to current lack of a Comms officer.	
1.6	**Independence of Healthwatch Cheshire** LB has not had any conflict with this at all; commissioners have realised that they can quote HWC to good effect.	
1.7	**Any Other Business** – notified in advance where possible None.	
Next meeting – 19th December, 10.00 to 11.00am by Zoom.		