


12 March 2025

Subject:	Local Government Association – Leading Healthier Places Programme Update
Presenting Officer and Organisation	Stephnie Hancock Deputy Democratic Services Manager
	
Purpose of Report	Information

1. Recommendation

That the Board notes the progress made to date and Board members note the workshop date of 7 April 2025, and make every effort to attend.

2. Links to Workstreams Set out in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Healthy Communities	Efficient and effective governance arrangements support the achievement of the Board’s priorities.
Primary Care	
Integrated Town Teams	
Intermediate Care	
Care Navigation	

3. Context and Key Issues

- 3.1 The Leading Healthier Places is the support offer from the LGA, providing tailored support to Health and Wellbeing Board Members via either a series of workshops or bespoke sessions to maximise assistance.
- 3.2 The LGA describes its support offer as ‘an opportunity to refocus the purpose of the Health and Wellbeing Board, strengthen its role in the

new system architecture and operate effectively in the new context of Integrated Care Systems.'

3.3 The support offer is provided by leaders and expert peers from across health and local government sectors to enable Health and Wellbeing Boards to achieve their strategic vision and objectives.

3.4 At its meeting on 12 June 2024 the Board decided to take part in the programme. Since that time positive progress has been made, as follows:-

- a support agreement has been entered into, setting out the objectives and expected outcomes of the programme;
- two advisors have been selected to lead the work, alongside the Chair and the Director of Public Health, both of whom have experience in the health arena and one with experience of chairing a health and wellbeing board;
- an introductory meeting has taken place with the two advisors, the Chair and relevant officers to agree the approach;
- the advisors have met (one to one) with the majority of Board members and are in the process of analysing and formulating constructive feedback;
- a workshop for all Board members has been arranged for 7 April 2025.

3.5 All Board members are encouraged to make every effort to attend the workshop to ensure that all members benefit from the programme, leading to a strengthened Board.

4. Engagement

It is not necessary to carry out public engagement.

5. Implications

Resources:	The 'Leading Heathier Places' Programme is part of the wider Partners in Care and Health Programme, which is funded by Department of Health and Social Care and provided free of charge to councils and partners.
Legal and Governance:	The Health and Wellbeing Board is a formal statutory committee of the local authority, established under Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The Board is to be treated as if it were a committee appointed by the local authority under section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972. (Section 194(11)).

Risk:	There are no direct implications arising from this report, which is for information and noting.
Equality:	
Health and Wellbeing:	
Social Value:	
Climate Change:	
Corporate Parenting:	

6. Appendices

None.

7. Background Papers

None.