In this edition of my Chair’s Report, I talk about xxxx, LBBD being awarded Council of year, the new Mental Health Strategy and Thrive LDN, Devolution, Disabled Go and the opening of the New Youth Club for children and young people with disabilities.

Best wishes,
Cllr Maureen Worby, Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board

Newly Appointed Chair

Following local elections on Thursday 3rd May 2018 51 members were elected to represent 17 wards across Barking and Dagenham for the next four years. Councillor Maureen Worby was elected to represent Valance and secured the role as Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health Integration.

As the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health Integration Councillor Worby has also been elected as the chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

LGC Awards

I am pleased to say that after continuous hard work between the Council and partner organisations, Barking and Dagenham have won two outstanding awards and highly commended for a third category at the London Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards.

At the 22nd annual awards ceremony the Council took home the well-earned top title of Council of the Year along with the Driving Growth award. The award was presented to Barking and Dagenham for successfully representing combined public service improvement and reform with budget cuts and demanding pressures on savings. The Driving Growth Award recognises the council’s ambitions for the future and the role of helping local businesses to flourish.

All council employees are extremely pleased with the awards and will continue to work hard to deliver improved services for residents of Barking and Dagenham.
Health and Wellbeing Strategy Refresh Workshops

To support the development of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy three workshops are being held with a range of stakeholders from internal council services, NHS partners and community organisations. Each workshop will have on average 30 stakeholders. Senior council leadership and NHS partners have been consulted to ensure the membership of these workshops are inclusive of all partners and organisations.

The workshops scheduled are as followed:

- 5th July 2018, 1.00-4.00pm Barking Learning Centre: Best Start in Life
- 12th July 2018, 1.00-4.00pm Barking Learning Centre: Early Diagnosis and Intervention
- 19th July 2018, 1.00-4.00pm Barking Learning Centre: Early Diagnosis and Intervention

Each workshop will be held in order for partner organisations to contribute to the development on the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Each workshop will open with a data presentation delivered by the Public Health Intelligence Team setting context around each theme to drive discussions.

At the last board it was agreed “I” statements from residents would be a useful outcome measure. To co-produce the “I” statements focus groups are being held throughout May and June with the following:

- Parent Forums within Borough Childrens’ Centres
- BAD Youth Forum
- Carers of Barking and Dagenham
- CVS, Osbourne Partnership and other community organisations
- NHS Patient Participant Groups

The focus groups will involved between 8-12 participants to explore what areas are important for residents around the themes with regards to health, care and wellbeing. The outcome and findings from the groups will be used to formulate “I” statements that represents the views of the residents of Barking and Dagenham.

The board will be kept up to date on the progress on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. At Septembers Health and Wellbeing Board the members will be presented with the DRAFT Health and Wellbeing Strategy for comments and direction.

For further information on the scheduled workshops please contact Florence Henry on Florence.henry@lbld.gov.uk.
Mental Health Strategy

The refreshed Mental Health Strategy adopts a life course approach to mental health. The strategy will be developed then delivered over a three-year period linking in with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Domestic Violence Strategy and the Healthy Lifestyles Strategy. The Strategy has been built round the three following areas; building resilience in our population, ensuring high quality treatment and support to individuals and to support people to live well with mental health and/or vulnerability. The Strategy is being developed in consultation with children and young people, people with enduring mental health, older adults and working age adults (via Thrive) and will consider the following areas;

1. The whole population mental health of children and young people under the age of 18 years.
2. The whole population mental health of adults, including older adults.
3. The mental health needs and services for children and young people under the age of 18 years, excluding in-patient services.
4. The needs and services for people with dementia.
5. The needs and services for people with enduring mental ill health.

For more information on the development and progress of the Mental Health Strategy please contact Clare.brutton@lbbd.gov.uk

Thrive LDN

Thrive LDN is a citywide movement to improve the mental health and wellbeing of all Londoners. Supported by the Mayor of London and led by the London Health Board the scheme aims to deliver the following aspirations;

- To be a city where individuals and communities take the lead
- To be a city free from mental health stigma and discrimination.
- To pride on being a city that maximises the potential of children and young people.
- A city with a happy, healthy and productive workforce.
- To be a city with services that are available when and where they are needed.
- To be a zero-suicide city.

The initial suite of interventions that Thrive LDN will deliver include the following:

- **Parents**: Young Mums Project - Supporting young parents to support each other to give their children the best start in life.
- **Children and Young People**: Peer Education Project - Trains teachers to train older pupils to support younger children.
- **Working Age Adults**: Tree Shepherd building business and work skills.
- **Older and Vulnerable Adults**: Standing Together - Bringing isolated people together to connect and take part in meaningful activities.

For more information on the development and progress of the Thrive LDN please contact Clare.brutton@lbbd.gov.uk and I will keep you posted on progression in future chairs reports.
Devolution

From April 2018, commissioners and the provider alliance agreed to pilot the innovative devolution approach. The local authority and NHS providers including Hospitals, Community and GP services are working collaboratively to provide and deliver health and care services in the most beneficial way to the population.

Commissioners have passed the budget to the provider alliance who will decide the best way of utilising the funds to meet the high-level strategic outcomes. Commissioners are developing joint commissioning plans for three services; intermediate care; diabetes; and children’s special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to share with the provider alliance to consider how they can provide improved and more collaborative services.

Our ambition is to learn from the pilot areas and introduce the new approach, with fully pooled budgets, across all NHS-led health and local authority care services from April 2019. We also welcome news that devolution will allow money from the sale of London’s NHS owned assets to be reinvested in the capital’s health and care system and look forward to working with partners across London to ensure these new opportunities benefit local people.

Help us to change and improve community urgent care locally

Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge Clinical Commissioning Groups (BHR CCGs), has launched a consultation on community urgent care services.

Community urgent care services provide same day care and advice for people with urgent, but not life threatening, physical and mental health issues. These include our GP out of hours service (GPOOH), our seven GP access hubs and four local walk-in services.

The twelve week consultation will ask the public for their views on proposals to change, and improve the way community urgent care services are accessed locally in Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge. The consultation is not proposing any changes to emergency care services or changes to the A&E services at any of our local hospitals.

Our thinking has been shaped by feedback from local people and we now want to hear their views on our proposals. We have shared details of the consultation and how to have your say with a wide range of local stakeholders, including partner organisations, local NHS providers, patient groups and community and voluntary sector organisations. We plan to discuss the consultation proposals with the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its July meeting.

We will continue to work with Healthwatch Barking and Dagenham and Barking and Dagenham CVS to reach as many people as we can. We are arranging drop-in sessions in all three boroughs during the consultation period…
Future Dates for the Health and Wellbeing Board

- 05 September 2018
- 07 November 2018
- 15 January 2019
- 12 March 2019
- 11 June 2019

New Youth Club

On 19 April a brand-new youth club for children and young people aged between 10-25 years with disabilities opened. The youth club located in Thames View gives those children and young people the opportunity to get involved in a variety of sports and activities to progress and showcase their interests and talents.

Barking and Dagenham Council are supporting the youth club by linking in with schools and disability groups across the borough. The club has been designed to develop their skills and support them to get involved with new activities, building their confidence to attend residential trips and supporting their education needs through the Duke of Edinburgh Award. In addition, the youth club will offer an encouraging and positive environment for them to develop their interpersonal skills through confidence building, communicating and interaction which results in a positive impact on their health and wellbeing both physically and mentally.

The youth club is held at the Sue Bramley Children’s Centre in Bastable Avenue between 6.30-8.30pm. To attend the youth club, it will only cost a small fee of £1 for all children and young people to attend.

Chair’s Report

Dates are being confirmed, but our first in Barking and Dagenham will be on Thursday 21 June where we will be at Barking Learning Centre between 10.30am and 1.30pm. We are also proactively contacting local community and voluntary groups to arrange to go and talk to them or share information. We are also providing posters and information for local community urgent care services to display to encourage patients using the services to respond.

We will actively promote the consultation through social media and digital channels and are talking with the Council’s communications team about how they can help us, including sharing information through One Borough Live.

The CCGs have published a document that sets out the two options for proposed changes and an online questionnaire for people to have their say. The document is available in an EasyRead format, and the questionnaire is available on the Barking and Dagenham CCG website at http://www.barkingdagenhamccg.nhs.uk/Our-work/community-urgent-care-consultation.htm. All responses must be received by **5pm on 21 August 2018**.