**Healthwatch Trafford**

**Minutes of Board meeting 24th June 2021**

**Online Zoom Meeting**

**Meeting commenced at 5.30pm**

**Present:**

Heather Fairfield (HF)   
Susan George (SGE)

Jean Rose (JR)

Brian Hilton (BH)

Elaine Mills (EM)

David Esdaile (DE)

Andrew Latham (AL) – Company Secretary

Anna Gaughan (AG)

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| **Agenda item** | **Discussion and Actions** |
| 526. Welcome; apologies and introductions | Apologies: Kerry Blackstock  526.1 HF welcomed everyone to the meeting. AG provided background info on her application to join the board (previously circulated) and members introduced themselves.  526.2 HF asked members if they wished to appoint AG to the board as a director? All agreed. **Action: AL to add AG to Companies House register.** |
| 527. Declaration of Interest | 527.1 No declarations of interest received. |
| 528. Minutes of previous meeting | 528.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record. |
| 529. Matters arising not on the agenda | 529.1 None |
| 530. Action Log | Action log reference:  512.1 Complete  514.2 Complete  517.1 Complete  517.2 Complete  517.4 Complete  520.2 Complete  521.1 Complete  524.3 Complete |
| 531. CO Report | 520.1 AL asked for questions on the previously circulated report; BH asked about progress on Altrincham Hub and premises? AL updated members on the various options currently being explored and expressed frustration at the lack of response from several contacts. EM asked about the benefits of moving from a contract agreement to a grant agreement with the Local Authority? AL provided explanation, particularly around the removal of the need to go through competitive tender at the end of each contracted period. |
| 532. End of Year Impact Report | 532.1 HF talked through the report (previously circulated) and presented the key points then asked members for questions or comments; BH stated he thought the report excellent and that it shows HWT in a very positive light. BH also asked about maintaining HWT’s independence if we are aligning work more closely with the Local Authority and CCG? AL commented that this had been part of discussions with the LA and that it was important for HWT to retain their role as an independent ‘critical friend’. AG offered to share work done with New Local (working with Local Councils about how to change or improve services on a co-production basis (Asset Based Community Design – ABCD). |
| 533. Transforming Homecare | 533.1 Members discussed the document sent through by Lindsey Mallory (Specialist Commissioner for Homecare TMBC). HF and JR noted that the presentation was short on detail. BH commented that providers choosing which clients to take seemed like ‘cherry picking’, which the document suggests will be stopped. Members expressed a desire for further information. AL asked BH if he could put together some draft questions that he could forward to LM? BH agreed. **Action: BH to draft further questions and share with AL to send on to LM.** |
| 534. HWinGM Update | 534.1 ICS: HF expressed concern at the Secretary of State wanting to take control from Public Health England (PHE). HF informed members that she had composed a paper for HWinGM to be sent to Sarah Price (Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership). In the paper HWinGM have requested involvement at every level. The paper will go the next HWinGM meeting on Friday 25th June **Action: HF to circulate to members once approved HWinGM**  534.2 HF gave members feedback from Warren Heppolette to questions submitted by HWinGM.  534.3 HF informed members that she had attended Trafford One System Board, where it had been proposed that the shared Senior Accountable Officer role at the CCG continues for a further two years. AG thanked HF for her summary and asked if HF could share the new framework? **Action: HF to share ICS framework with AG**  534.4 AL updated members on the current situation with the HWinGM reports on dentistry and patients experience of accessing services under Covid restrictions. |
| 535. Questions from the Public | None received. |