SOUTHAMPTON HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

FEEDBACK FROM LGA SUPPORT WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2024



THANK YOU

- COLLEAGUES WERE GENEROUS WITH THEIR TIME
- CANDOUR WAS VERY HELPFUL
- COLLECTIVE AMBITION HIGH
- REFLECTING BACK WHAT WAS HEARD
- DRAWING UPON EXTENSIVE NATIONAL EXPERIENCE TO BENCHMARK AND CHALLENGE



RELATIVE STRENGTHS

- STRONG POLITICAL LEADERSHIP
- STRONG PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP
- ENGAGED STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP
- APPROPRIATELY OFFICER RESOURCING TO SUPPORT THE DAY-TO-DAY (BOARD MANAGER)
- NEW(ISH) COUNCIL LEADER IS THE IMMEDIATE PAST HWB CHAIR
- GOOD PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIPS WITH ICB HWB REPRESENTATIVES



RELATIVE WEAKNESSES

- RISK ARISING FROM CHANGE OF HWB CHAIR (BEING CAPABLY NAVIGATED)
- NHS RELATIONSHIPS PREDICATED ON GOODWILL OF INDIVIDUALS WITH PATCH-BASED HISTORY
- REALIGNMENT PRESSURES ON ICB
- ARE THE GOOD ICB RELATIONSHIPS SET AT THE APPROPRIATE SENIOR LEVEL?
- IMPACT OF WIDER HWB RELATIONSHIPS ON THE WORK OF THE BOARD



OPPORTUNITIES

- POLITICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP COULD BE ALIGNED TO CREATE A STRONG POLICY CONTEXT
 FOR SOUTHAMPTON AS A PLACE BY BECOMING A MARMOT CITY AND/OR STRATEGICALLY ADOPTING
 HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES AS AN OVERARCHING POLICY FRAMEWORK
- ALIGN REFRESH OF HWB WITH JHWBS MILESTONES



SIGNIFICANT CONTEXT

• THE CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN FLAGGED SEVERAL TIMES DURING THIS WORK. THERE IS A RISK THAT DRIVING HARD ON REDUCING HEALTH INEQUALITIES BY AFFECTING THE WIDER DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH MIGHT BE SEEN AS DISCRETIONARY BY SOME. THIS WOULD BE A FALSE ECONOMY, BUT PROGRESS IN THIS POLICY AREA WILL NEED TO BE FRAMED AS INVESTING TO SAVE.



RECOMMENDATIONS

- REVIEW EXTENT OF ELECTED MEMBER MEMBERSHIP (OPPOSITION, SCRUTINY AND BACKBENCH) AND REDUCE TO RELEVANT EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ONLY
- MOVE AWAY FROM EVENING MEETINGS AND AVOID MEETING IN PLACES LIKE THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
- ESTABLISH CLEAR CHAIR AND CO-/VICE-CHAIR ARRANGEMENTS AND INVOLVE THE WHOLE CHAIRING TEAM
 IN AGENDA SETTING AND SHAPING THE FORWARD PLAN
- REVIEW CURRENT ICB/NHS/PRIMARY CARE MEMBERSHIP WITH A VIEW TO CONSISTENT AND SENIOR ATTENDANCE
- CANDID ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER THIS IS THE RIGHT MOMENT TO ACCELERATE PARTNERSHIP WITH NHS COLLEAGUES, OR IS THE PRIORITY HWB RESILIENCE AS THE WIDER LA/HWB RELATIONSHIP PLAYS OUT?