

Date:

Wednesday 28 January 2026 at 2.00 pm

Venue:

Council Chamber, Dunedin House, Thornaby

Cllr Lisa Evans (Chair)

Cllr Clare Besford, Cllr Pauline Beall, Majella McCarthy, Carolyn Nice, Sarah Bowman-Abouna, Fiona Adamson, Peter Smith, Jamie Todd, Karen Hawkins, Matt Storey, Lucy Owens, Tracey Carter, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Jack Miller and Diane Monkhouse

Agenda

1. **Evacuation Procedure** (Pages 7 - 8)
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Declarations of interest**
4. **Minutes** (Pages 9 - 12)
To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 December 2025
5. **Appointment of Vice Chair**
6. **Neighbourhood Health Improvement Programme**
7. **Development of Performance Monitoring Framework - Update** (Pages 13 - 14)
8. **Health and Wellbeing Board Web page** (Pages 15 - 16)

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Key – Declarable interests are :-

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance

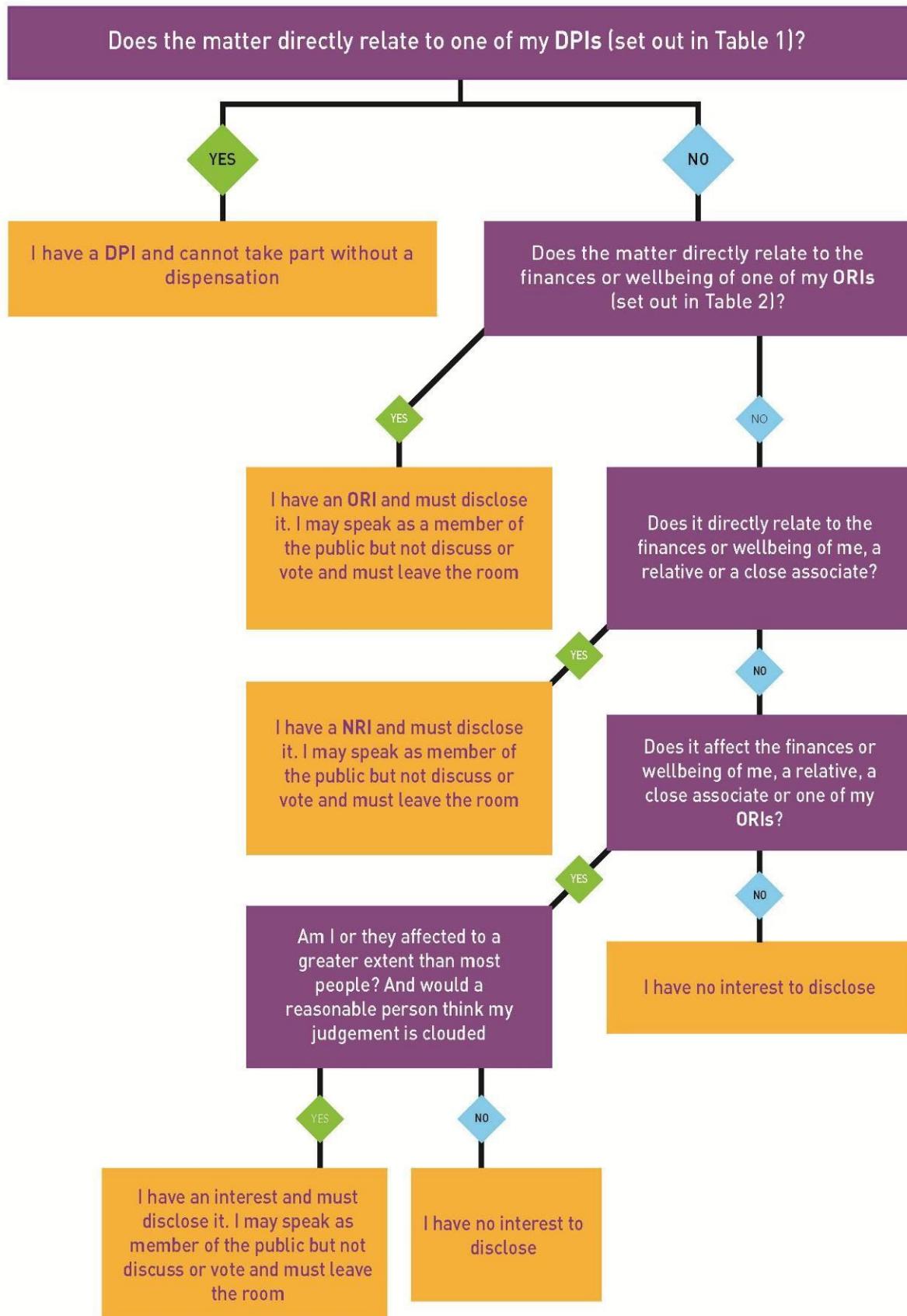


Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
Sponsorship	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>
Contracts	<p>Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or</p> <p>a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council</p> <p>—</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
Land and property	<p>Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council.</p> <p>'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.</p>
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)—</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the council; and</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where—</p> <p>(a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and</p> <p>(b) either—</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>

* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Table 2 – Other Registerable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

- a) any unpaid directorships
- b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- c) any body
 - (i) exercising functions of a public nature
 - (ii) directed to charitable purposes or
 - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

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Agenda Item 1

Council Chamber, Dunedin House Evacuation Procedure & Housekeeping

In the event of an emergency alarm activation, everyone should immediately start to leave their workspace by the nearest available signed Exit route.

The emergency exits are located via the doors on either side of the raised seating area at the front of the Council Chamber.

Fires, explosions, and bomb threats are among the occurrences that may require the emergency evacuation of Dunedin House. Continuous sounding and flashing of the Fire Alarm is the signal to evacuate the building or upon instruction from a Fire Warden or a Manager.

The Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point is in the overflow car park located across the road from Dunedin House.

The allocated assembly point for the Council Chamber is: D2

Map of the Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point - the overflow car park:



All occupants must respond to the alarm signal by immediately initiating the evacuation procedure.

When the Alarm sounds:

1. **stop all activities immediately.** Even if you believe it is a false alarm or practice drill, you MUST follow procedures to evacuate the building fully.
2. **follow directional EXIT signs** to evacuate via the nearest safe exit in a calm and orderly manner.
 - o do not stop to collect your belongings
 - o close all doors as you leave
3. **steer clear of hazards.** If evacuation becomes difficult via a chosen route because of smoke, flames or a blockage, re-enter the Chamber (if safe to do so). Continue the evacuation via the nearest safe exit route.
4. **proceed to the Evacuation Assembly Point.** Move away from the building. Once you have exited the building, proceed to the main Evacuation Assembly Point immediately - located in the **East Overflow Car Park**.
 - o do not assemble directly outside the building or on any main roadway, to ensure access for Emergency Services.
5. **await further instructions.**
 - o **do not re-enter the building under any circumstances without an “all clear”** which should only be given by the Incident Control Officer/Chief Fire Warden, Fire Warden or Manager.
 - o do not leave the area without permission.
 - o ensure all colleagues and visitors are accounted for. Notify a Fire Warden or Manager immediately if you have any concerns

Toilets

Toilets are located immediately outside the Council Chamber, accessed via the door at the back of the Chamber.

Water Cooler

A water cooler is available at the rear of the Council Chamber.

Microphones

During the meeting, members of the Committee, and officers in attendance, will have access to a microphone. Please use the microphones, when invited to speak by the Chair, to ensure you can be heard by the Committee and those in attendance at the meeting.

Agenda Item 4

Health and Wellbeing Board

A meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board was held on 17 December 2025

Present: Cllr Lisa Evans (Chair), Cllr Clare Besford, Cllr Pauline Beall, Sarah Bowman-Abouna, Fiona Adamson, Natasha Douglas (Sub for Peter Smith), Jamie Todd, Karen Hawkins, Lucy Owens, Cllr Shakeel Hussain (Sub for Cllr Lynn Hall), Majella McCarthy and Cllr Jack Miller

Officers: Michael Hemderson, Yvonne Cheung, Sid Wong, Tracie Thursby, Steve Errington

Apologies: Peter Smith, Cllr Lynn Hall, Carolyn Nice, Matt Storey, Tracey Carter, Diane Monkhouse

1 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure and housekeeping arrangements for the Council Chamber were noted.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

3 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 29 September 2025 and 24 October 2025 be approved as a correct record.

6 Better Care Fund – Q2

The Board considered a report providing an update on the submission of the Stockton-on-Tees Better Care Fund (BCF) Quarter 2 2025/26 return to NHS England.

Members were advised that the Quarter 2 return had been completed in collaboration with system partners, endorsed by the Better Care Fund Assurance Group and formally approved by the Pooled Budget Partnership Board. The return was submitted to NHS England on 11 November 2025 in line with national reporting requirements. The report confirmed compliance with the four national BCF conditions and provided an overview of income, expenditure and activity for Quarter 2.

The Board was informed of progress against the four national BCF metrics. Performance on discharge on the Discharge Ready Date and delayed discharge days was reported as broadly on track and performing better than regional and national comparators. Performance on reducing non-elective admissions for people aged 65+ was slightly below plan, while admissions to long-term residential and nursing care were reported as above the planned level, reflecting increased acuity and complexity of need.

Key points raised in discussion:

Members noted that delivery of some schemes remained challenging and would be kept under review.

The Board discussed pressure relating to delayed discharge.

It was recognised that performance on discharge was influenced by wider system pressures, including workforce capacity and acute demand, and that progress would be dependent on addressing these pressures collectively.

Members noted the positive benefits of collaborative system working.

The Board discussed the challenges associated with rising complexity of need and carer breakdown, and the impact this had on long-term care admissions.

Assurance was provided regarding the actions in place to mitigate pressures, including reablement, additional therapy support and continued focus on Home First approaches.

RESOLVED that: the submission of the Stockton-on-Tees Better Care Fund Quarter 2 2025/26 report to NHS England be acknowledged.

7. Director of Public Health Annual Report

The Board received the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2025, entitled Building Healthy Communities – Connecting People and Place.

The report focused on the importance of placing communities at the heart of efforts to shape healthy places and reduce health inequalities. It highlighted how health and wellbeing are influenced by both physical environments and the communities people identify with, and set out a community-centred public health approach to improving outcomes across the Borough.

The report reviewed progress against the recommendations of the 2024 Director of Public Health Annual Report and outlined examples of local work already underway, including community wellbeing champions, peer advocacy, neighbourhood health pilots and the integration of health considerations into planning processes. A series of proposed actions were identified to further embed health creation, address inequalities and strengthen community-centred approaches across the system.

Key points raised in discussion:

Members welcomed the strong emphasis on community-centred approaches and the clear links to the priorities within the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The Board noted the importance of partnership working across the Council, the NHS and the voluntary and community sector in addressing the wider determinants of health.

The proposed actions were supported as a practical framework for taking the work forward.

RESOLVED that the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2025 be noted and the proposed actions supported.

8. **Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025 - 2030**

The Board considered a report and presentation relating to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025–2030.

Members were reminded that the Strategy set out the collective priorities and goals for improving health and wellbeing and addressing inequalities across Stockton-on-Tees. The Strategy was underpinned by a set of shared principles for working together, including Health in All Policies, prevention and early intervention, levelling the playing field and a place-based approach.

Key points raised in discussion:

Members emphasised the importance of translating the Strategy into clear actions, measures and accountability through the associated action plan and monitoring framework.

Members provided feedback on the draft Strategy and welcomed the significant amount of positive work already taking place across the Borough to support health and wellbeing. It was recognised that much good work was underway, but that this was not always visible or well understood.

The Board discussed the importance of the Strategy being accessible and clearly communicated. Members supported the development of a two-page, easy-read version of the Strategy, alongside the full document, and noted that short videos were also being developed to support engagement, particularly with younger people.

It was suggested that the Strategy should be supported by a clear web presence, explaining what partners were doing, how residents could get involved and how the Strategy translated into practical action locally. Members agreed that further discussion would be helpful on how best to present this information and engage communities.

The Board noted that a deeper dive discussion on the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy would be scheduled for January, to allow further consideration of delivery, priorities and accountability.

Members also discussed the scale of ambition set out in the Strategy and the need to be realistic about what could be delivered, particularly in the context of capacity and system pressures. The importance of linking the Strategy clearly to outcomes, priorities and measurable impact was emphasised.

Members highlighted accessibility, including for the Deaf community, and encouraged greater connection between groups and organisations developing accessible approaches, so that effective practice can be shared and replicated

RESOLVED that the Strategy 2025–2030 and discussion be noted and /or action as appropriate.

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

January 2026

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Health and wellbeing strategy monitoring and accountability framework: Progress update and next steps

Summary

In July 2025, the Board agreed a monitoring and accountability framework for overseeing the delivery of the health and wellbeing strategy. Since then, ongoing progress has been made and this report provides an update to the Board what work has been undertaken so far, and next steps for the coming months.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to note the progress made in implementing the agreed monitoring and accountability framework for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Detail

As approved by the Board, the framework comprises four key components, outlined below. In developing the framework, a core principle was to ensure it remained proportionate, manageable and realistic, reflecting the time and capacity available to Board members. A further principle was to enable the Board to play an active role by maintaining strategic oversight, with opportunities to explore priority issues in greater depth. This approach is intended to support constructive challenge, identify opportunities for advocacy, and enable the Board, collectively or individually, to help address and unblock key challenges. The Board was also clear that the framework is not intended to replicate formal scrutiny processes, as the Board does not operate as a scrutiny body.

1. High Level Delivery Plan (Action Plan)

- A high-level delivery plan was developed where commitment area leads identified key milestones to deliver for year 1 of the HWB Strategy.
- Commitment area leads will identify key milestones for year 2 and update their Delivery Plan by the end of February 2026.

2. Deep Dive Sessions

- Three Deep Dive topics were agreed for Year 1 of the Strategy:
 - Healthy weight/good food
 - Early years
 - Social isolation and loneliness
- Two topics have already been to a Deep Dive session (Social isolation and loneliness and early years).
- Healthy Weight/Good Food is scheduled to take place in February 2026.
- Topics for the coming year are to be agreed in the April Board meeting.

3. High-level outcomes dashboard

- A Power BI outcomes dashboard is currently in development.
- Work is underway to confirm a set of high-level outcome indicators and to design the dashboard's layout and format.
- The outcome indicators will align to each thematic area and will primarily comprise standardised measures, drawing on the national Public Health Outcomes Framework and the Local Government Outcomes Framework. This will ensure data availability on at least an annual basis, enabling trend analysis over time and benchmarking against national and other local authority comparators.
- A final draft of the dashboard and associated suite of outcome indicators will be presented to the Board once available.

4. End-of-Year Strategy Progress and Reflections – Summary and Board Session

- Progress and reflections will be gathered through a standardised self-assessment across all commitment areas. This will be delivered via an online survey structured around the following themes:
 - Successes
 - Health inequalities
 - Community engagement and co-production
 - Collaborative and partnership working
 - Challenges
- Findings from the self-assessments will be analysed and consolidated into an end-of-year report, which will be presented to the Board as part of a dedicated reflection and discussion session.

5. Next Steps

- **March Board meeting:** Presentation of the end-of-year report as part of a dedicated reflection and discussion session.
- **April Board meeting:** Discussion and agreement of potential deep-dive topics for 2026/27.

Financial implications

There are no specific financial implications associated with this update.

Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications associated with this update.

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Agenda Item 8

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

28 January 2026

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Refresh and update of the Health and Wellbeing Board webpage

Summary

Following the development of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy and revisions to the Board's Terms of Reference, this is an appropriate opportunity to refresh and update the Stockton-on-Tees Health and Wellbeing Board webpage.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- Approve the proposed updates to the Health and Wellbeing Board webpage.
- Consider and discuss any additional ways the webpage could be used, or alternative approaches to proactive communication for the Board.

Detail

1. Proposed updates to the Health and Wellbeing Board webpage

The following updates are proposed to ensure clarity, transparency and consistency with the revised Terms of Reference and the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

- Publication of the updated Board Terms of Reference, with explanatory text highlighting key changes and important points.
 - Clear articulation that, while the Health and Wellbeing Board is a formal statutory committee, it operates as a strategic partnership.
 - Clear description of the Board's statutory functions and remit.
 - Updated information on Board membership, including the Chair and Vice Chair.
 - Articulation of shared expectations for ways of working and partnership behaviours.

In addition, the webpage will include:

- An overview of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy, including summary text and priority areas of focus.
- Summary information outlining the Board's monitoring and accountability framework for the Strategy, demonstrating transparency and accountability.

Financial implications

There are no specific implications associated with updating the Health and Wellbeing Board webpage.

Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications.

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