

ONE Haverhill Partnership Board Meeting MINUTES

**16th January 2025 10:00am
EpiCentre, Haverhill**

Present:

Board Members

Henry Wilson, MBE	HW	Chair, and Chief Executive, REACH
Alex Till	AT	Vice Chair, and CEO, MENTA
John Burns	JB	HTC Councillor
Karen Dennis	KD	DWP
Revd Max Drinkwater	RevdMD	Priest-in-Charge, Haverhill and Withersfield
Helen Earl	HE	Centre Manager, EpiCentre
Patrick Hanlon	PH	West Suffolk Councillor
Sarah Hedges	SH	Integrated Transformation Lead for West Suffolk Community and Integrated Services
Karen Points	KP	Abbeycroft Leisure
David Smith	DS	Haverhill Town Mayor
Phil Stittle	PS	West Suffolk College
Vanessa Whitcombe	VW	Headteacher, Castle Manor Academy

In Attendance

Saffron Carter	SC	REACH Haverhill
Jon Eaton	JE	Families and Communities, West Suffolk Council
Colin Poole	CP	Haverhill Town Council, Clerk
Jane Lomas	JL	Haverhill Town Council, Note taker
Sallyann Smith	SS	Consultant, OHP Business Plan

Apologies

Jo Albini	JA	Business Development Manager, Citizens Advice West Suffolk
Dr David Brandon	DrDB	Clinical Lead GP, Unity Healthcare
Quinn Cox	QC	HTC Councillor

Bruce Davidson	BD	HTC Councillor
Philip Faircloth-Mutton	PFM	Suffolk County Council
Cllr Donna Higgins	DH	West Suffolk Council
Andrew Smith	AS	Havebury Housing
Warren Smyth	WS	CEO, Abbeycroft Leisure

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| 1. <u>Welcome, Declaration of Interest, Apologies</u>
Henry Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting. | |

Apologies were received from:
See above.

Declarations of interest:
None.

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| 2. <u>Previous Minutes & Matters Arising from the meeting held 20 June 2024</u>
Previous minutes were approved with the following comments:
Page 3 Action, Health Update, publicity – SH liaised with AR but AR has now left Reach. HW is in the process of filling AR’s role.
Page 4, Game Anglia – HE will follow-up as the event was possibly cancelled or held at a different venue. | HW
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| 3. <u>Public Speaking:</u>
None. | |
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| 4. <u>Haverhill Wellbeing Hub</u>
Sarah Hedges and Saffron Carter presented a business case for a Wellbeing Hub in Haverhill. Research shows there are low numbers of people in Haverhill whose health and wellbeing needs are being met, compared to other areas in West Suffolk. This initiative aspires to prevent physical health and mental health from becoming worse by providing a ‘one stop shop’ of wellbeing and support for residents of Haverhill which is free at the point of access. It is envisaged there will be a hub co-ordinator, 3-4 hub hosts, topic days, rent-a-space, a resource hub, and community café. It is hoped the Hub will become a place where people might come to meet as well as use the resources on offer. | |
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The locality partnership and the mental health action group have voted in support of using £20,000 of the community arm of the health equity pot to support the development of a health and wellbeing hub. The locality partnership has access to up to £10,000 to support joint developments towards the collective priorities of transport, communication, and mental health for which this business case fits.

A draft budget was presented:

	June 2025 – June 2026	Ongoing yearly costs from June 2026
Start-up costs	£5,000	
Rent	£30,000	£30,000
Coordinator*	£25,000 - £40,000	£25,000 - £40,000
Rates	£5,000	£5,000
Phone, wifi, water, electricity and gas	£12,000 - £15,000	£12,000 - £15,000
Estimated total	£77,000 - £95,000	£72,000 - £90,000

* The hub co-ordinator will form relationships with organisations to promote the hub and its services and take bookings.

Income is estimated to be £95,000 - £100,000 which will be derived from 1-4 host tenants, café, room rental and seasonal rental, contributions from anchor tenants. Haverhill Town Council will be asked to take the responsibility of the building as head leaseholder, although the community will own the hub. SNEE, Suffolk County Council, West Suffolk Council and Haverhill Town Council will be asked to contribute £5,000 each for start-up and then annually towards running costs. It is expected that a further £30,000 from leaseholders and partner organisations will be achieved.

5. Health Equity Fund

SH and her team were asked to put together a plan for West Suffolk to engage people in healthy behaviours and to manage their own health. Interventions include: blood pressure, COPD and smoking, health screening, transport subsidiaries, trying to lower neonatal deaths in West Suffolk. By looking at these areas, it is hoped to achieve health equity across Haverhill. Currently £20,000 of funding remains and a working group is being brought together to look at other areas that can be looked at. Engagement results are expected by March. It is noted that this project is in its very early days in Haverhill but it is important to map the services that are already in place before planning new ones.

6. Haverhill Health Centre Update

RAAC work was completed in 2023 and top-level services were established in the building. In mid-2024 more services were integrated, including mental health team, district nurses, family hub. Some of these were existing services within Haverhill but others are being trialled from West Suffolk Hospital. Other services due to go in include Turning Point, adult social care, Home First. SH will promote the list of services being offered to raise awareness.

7. Business Planning

Sallyann Smith introduced herself and gave a brief presentation regarding her findings to date. SS's first step was to create a questionnaire and to meet local residents on the high street, in shops, and at The Link. She has identified four areas:

a) Crime: the Police shared their statistics for 2023 broken down into different areas within Haverhill. In all areas, the Police are generally aiming to be more visible and to strengthen relationships with residents and community organisations. JB reported that he has detailed crime statistics which he will examine and share with SS.

JB

b) Health & Wellbeing: many residents had heard of the Wellbeing Hub but were not sure of its services. Key challenges to health and wellbeing are poor mental health, poor physical health, and accessibility.

c) Youth: last year Karen Chapple's youth work team engaged with 201 people. However, there is no evidence to measure their activities or impact to prove social value. Collecting and analysing data would help to shape future work and projects, including working with the Police. It would also help to show young people their pathway, creating a feeling of wellbeing.

d) Infrastructure: there is a huge need for improved public transport links. Residents find it difficult to travel to towns outside Haverhill, and within Haverhill itself. This impacts on people finding jobs and employers filling vacancies; it also impacts the shops within Haverhill.

Community support at The Link is a vital resource for Haverhill: a place where people can go for warmth, companionship and practical help. On average The Link sees 45-50 people each week. Funding is year to year by the Salvation Army but it would be good to secure sustainable funding. SS suggested that The Link relocates to the Wellbeing Hub.

OHP's profile is very much under the radar in Haverhill. Some people have heard of One Haverhill Partnership but few people know the work that OHP carries out. OHP's profile needs to be raised by showing the work we do. This will help to bridge gaps by identifying them as residents will support us.

Infrastructure recommendations:

- Improve transport links.
- Kickstart the moped scheme (for people 16+ years).
- The Green Bike Project (buying reconditioned bikes for residents' use/hire/purchase).
- Community minibus to connect outlying residential rural areas – funding may be sought?

Wellbeing recommendations:

- A thorough review of the Suffolk Mind Haverhill Health & Wellbeing report.
- Revisit and update the findings to ensure alignment with current community realities.

The conclusion is that there is a strong sense of community in Haverhill. It is clear that One Haverhill Partnership plays a pivotal role in the community but in the main, residents are unaware of what we do.

The Board agreed that at the next meeting, they would like to pick up some of the points made in the business plan. If anyone has any comments regarding the business plan and the direction it is taking email Sallyanne Smith.

All Board Members

8. Reports from Task Groups

a) Crime & ASB (Drug & Alcohol Subgroup)

Turning Point has implemented some recommendations regarding drug and alcohol recovery. Their data is confidential but positive.

The task group is exploring provision of support for victims of domestic abuse in Haverhill and to identify gaps. It is hoped that a meeting will take place in April and will include

representatives from Compassion, Alumah and Restore. It is also hoped that an agency representative from County Safety Partnerships will attend the meeting. It is noted that Restore is in the Arts Centre café every Thursday, 10am – 12pm. The question arose as to whether there should be communication to the public explaining Restore’s new branding.

b) Cradle to Career

JE explained that Public Health money was transferred from the old ‘Hands Over Haverhill’ project to Cradle to Career. The funding is to be used to address the aspirations and self-esteem for residents of Haverhill through local community projects. Funds have been allocated as follows:

Reach Community Projects	£4,000
Castle Manor – Happy Shed	£2,000
Men’s Health – MENTA	£1,000
Employability course – WSC/WATES	£ 500
Promotion	£ 500
TOTAL	£8,000

Funds are for projects running February to May 2025. It is hoped that after this time, if it can be evidenced that these projects are working, matched funding will be secured.

9. Any Other Business

a) SH reported that a new resource is going live online in February which will list health resources within Haverhill.

b) The Spirit of Enterprise – this sculpture used to be lit up and a fundraising event is being held at the EpiCentre on 13th March to reinstate the lights. All are welcome but registration via the EpiCentre’s website is required.

c) Thriving Communities Funding – successful and unsuccessful applicants will be contacted from 23rd January.

d) West Suffolk BRAN (Building Resilience And Nutrition) Fund – Community Action Suffolk is holding a free webinar on 23rd January, 12-1pm to explain this initiative and the application process.

10. Dates of Future Meetings

The dates of future meetings were noted:

- 24th April 2025
- 17th July 2025
- 16th October 2025

All to note

All meetings to be held at the EpiCentre, Haverhill Research Park, Enterprise Way, Haverhill CB9 7LR

9.30am refreshments, 10:00am start.

11. The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 12.09pm