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# Community Conversations - Summary Report

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**Committee considering report:** Health and Wellbeing Board

**Date of Committee:** 25 May 2017

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## 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on progress with the Board's priority for 2017 to 'increase the number of Community Conversations through which local issues are identified and addressed.'

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the update.

## 3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** None
- 3.2 **Policy:** Continuation and development of the Building Communities Together initiative
- 3.3 **Personnel:** Phase 1 of the creation of the Building Communities Together Team commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 with the collocation of West Berkshire Council officers.
- 3.4 **Legal:** None
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** None
- 3.6 **Property:** None
- 3.7 **Other:** None

## 4. How the Health and Wellbeing Board can help

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<b>Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Executive for final determination?</b>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## Executive Summary

### 5. Introduction / Background

- The previous report to the Board (30th March 2017) provided a summary of the instigation of Community Conversations and a review of their status as responsibly for their ongoing development passed to the Building Communities Together Team.
- This report provides a summary of work undertaken since that previous report was written and also briefly outlines some emerging plans for the future development of Community Conversations.
- Whilst responsibility for Community Conversation only passed to the Building Communities Together (BCT) Team at the beginning of April 2017 prior to that date the BCT Team Manager worked alongside the previous lead officer, colleagues from the West Berkshire Volunteer Centre and partner officers to gain an insight into their development, status and ideas for the future.
- Officers of the Safer Communities Partnership Team, who have now transferred into the BCT Team, were routinely attending Community Conversations and had strong working relationships with a wide range of officers participating in them and therefore had a good working knowledge on this initiative.
- As described in the previous report there had been a Learning Event and a Review Meeting in January 2017 the outcomes of both of these were very helpful in enabling the BCT Team to identify areas of work to consolidate and formulate some ideas for change.

### 6. Proposal

- That the Board note that:
  - Responsibility for Community Conversations has transferred to the newly formed and developing Building Communities Together Team.
  - Existing Conversations are being sustained and opportunities to start new Conversations are being explored.
  - Ways to bring young people's voices forward are being explored.
  - A Toolkit is to be developed and ways of supporting Community Anchors are being explored.
  - Performance Indicators have been included in relevant Action Plans and a Project Management Structure is to be developed.

### 7. Conclusion

- The Health and Wellbeing Board will routinely receive update reports on developments

## 8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix A – Supporting Information

8.2 Appendix B – Draft Community Conversations Toolkit