1. **Welcomes / Introductions / Apologies**

Apologies for absence were noted as listed above. Cllr Graves welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2014**

The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record with the following points noted.

**Matters arising:**

- WACA will remain open although on a reduced service level of a couple days per week.
- Glamis Hall is closing as a council run operation from 31**st** December 2014. A recommendation has been agreed at Resource Committee to pass the building to the ‘Glamis Hall for All’ committee together with up to £250k of capital funding towards essential repairs. This recommendation will now go to full Council in December for ratification. ‘Glamis Hall for All’ intend to establish themselves as a registered charity, the process of
which will take some time, and the intention would be to start up service delivery with a lunch club.

3. **Discussion: Local Priorities:** *It was agreed to bring agenda item no. 6 forward.*

Ruth Colby advised that Wellingborough GP’s are slightly under diagnosing dementia. Nene CCG are working with GPs to raise awareness although any significant increase in referrals to the memory clinic for diagnosis may cause pressure in the system.

Cllr Graves stated that dementia is a priority issue for the Forum, Sonia Bray advised that HealthWatch Northamptonshire will be holding an event on 8th January 2015 around personalisation and dementia.

Moira Hope advised that following the Dementia Friends presentation at the last Forum meeting 6 awareness sessions have been facilitated for BCW employees and there are now nearly 90 Dementia Friends across the council. Furthermore leads to other partner organisations and community groups have also been facilitated.

Moira Hope circulated the Forums current 3 priorities for discussion –

- **Promoting healthy and active lifestyles across all ages, concentrating on preventative action from childhood onwards. In particular reducing levels of obesity; increasing levels of physical activity; reducing the prevalence of smoking and smoking during pregnancy. (Tackling the issues of obesity and physical activity levels will contribute to reducing the numbers diagnosed with diabetes).**

- **Promoting a culture of safe and responsible drinking and increasing public awareness and understanding of alcohol and substance misuse.**

- **Improving the mental and emotional well-being of individuals and families living and working within the borough. Including increasing awareness of the signs of dementia and developing support for individuals, their families and carers.**

The Forum was asked to consider whether it was felt that these were still the priorities and how they would like, what ever priorities they agreed, to be measured and recorded in the future. Whatever priorities are agreed, there is the issue of accurate and timely data in order to measure and monitor.

Discussion around the impact and shaping of priorities once the outcome of the Adult Community Well-being Service tender is known.

There have been issues with achieving the engagement of the necessary health partners, NHS England with the development of the new Town Plan. Locally Nene CCG and the GP Locality Group are now engaged and in conversation with Planning Policy at BCW with the new Town Plan being the subject of discussion at a recent GP Locality meeting in November. Positive input to the process has now started.
4. **Presentation: The Care Act 2014:** Sonia Bray, HealthWatch Northamptonshire presented an overview of The Care Act 2014. The Act is the most significant reform of care in the past 60 years and will come into effect in April 2015. It creates a single modern law that aims to put people and their carers in control of their care and support. For the first time there will be a limit on the amount anyone will have to pay towards the costs of their care.

Headline changes within the Care Act 2014 include:-
- Principle of “well-being” established as an approach local authorities must take
- Duty to provide preventative services
- Duty to provide information and advice (including financial advice)
- Duty to offer advocacy
- Assessments for both adults needing care and carers to be based on appearance of need
- Introduces a minimum national eligibility threshold (for users and carers)
- Duty to meet “eligible” needs of users and carers – for first time carers have a clear right to services
- Duty to prepare care and support with Support Planning, Personal Budget and undertake an Annual Review
- Continuity of Care Duty when a person moves from one area to another
- Duty to promote diversity & equality in provision of care
- Local authorities may charge for services inc carers services
- Stronger regulatory power when providers deliver poor standards of care and Safeguarding measures
- Transition from children to adult services – requirement for local authorities to continue providing support through assessment process (links with Children & Families Act)
- Provision of adult social care services in prison

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

5. **Briefing: Sustained Independent Living (SIL):** Lea McKinnon and Katie Scranage provided an outline briefing of the NCC Social Care Fund delivery. The scheme is a cashless one (vouchers) being delivered over two years. A service from April 2015 is yet to be determined. Emergency support and help is available for food via Food Banks which in Wellingborough is provided through the Daylight Centre with vouchers provided. The Phoenix Resource Centre is supporting through co-ordinating supplies to foodbanks around the county. Efforts are being made to source fresh produce to enhance supplies.

The service works with Community Law which provides up to 4.5 hours of energy advice and/or other advice – DWP contacted to ensure all benefits are accessed and energy suppliers to assist with switching or achieving a better rate. As last resort a “top-up” system can be used for fuel payments.
The Sustained Independent Living Scheme does not replace the Community Care Grant. Charity Link has recently taken over the administration of the SIL which operates to agreed criteria and eligibility.

6. **Updates:**

**Chairs of Fora meeting:** Cllr Graves and Vicki Jessop advised the Forum of the recent meeting at which two reports regarding issues affecting Wellingborough were taken. Reports circulated – “The provision of Better Care Funding for Disabled Facilities Grants” and “How can the Board provide support to secure the engagement of health partners in the development of the vision and strategy of the new town plan to support securing of S106 monies?”.

Cllr Robin Brown, Chair of the Health & Well-being Board requested a letter to be sent to Jane Halpin, Area Director NHS England area team to request an identified point of contact for Northamptonshire. This is an issue being experienced at a wider level than Wellingborough.

Boroughs and districts need clarity as to what is happening from 2016 onwards, in Wellingborough at any one time there are 80 DFG grant applications in the pipeline.

**Nene CCG:** Ruth Colby advised that the CCG’s priority remains how best to ensure unnecessary admissions to hospital are avoided. The CCG is working closely with Support Wellingborough in establishing a Collaborative Care Team based on a ‘social model’ to try and help people avoid admittance to hospital. The start-up date is 5th January to go ‘live’ on 19th January 2015. There will be a Care Co-ordinator and 2 Supported Living Officers.

**Action:** Ruth Colby to provide an update at the next meeting

Nene CCG is still under significant financial pressure and all are working hard to overcome it.

Other areas included working with GPs & care homes and a bid being made to the Government’s Challenge Fund. There is discussion happening around the possibility of the CCGs co-commissioning GP services with NHS England but no decision yet. With the winter season underway people are being encouraged to have their flu jabs. A & E Services are just staying abreast at the start of the winter season.

And finally, from the 1st December GPs will be doing ‘Friends & Family’ test which is basically asking whether people would recommend their GP practice to friends and family. This is a national NHS imperative so practices will need to do it. Strong comment at the Locality Health Engagement Group (WHEG) was made to this being a waste of public money in light of the financial difficulties being faced by the NHS, when the money could be better spent elsewhere.
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<th><strong>HealthWatch:</strong> Sonia Bray advised the GP survey was underway with 22 GP practices taking part. It was requested for Jo Spenceley to report back at the next meeting.</th>
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<td><strong>Action:</strong> Jo Spenceley to report back on the progress and outcomes from the GP survey.</td>
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<td>Currently work being carried out around ‘personalisation’ with a pilot involving those clients who used to use Favell House. There is the Personalisation and Dementia event on 8th January and a Children’s and Young Persons event.</td>
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<td><strong>7. Any other business:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Northamptonshire Sport:</strong> Jackie Browne advised that the Healthy Child programme has been launched and that Victoria Lakener is the Healthy School Advisor for the area. Victoria will work with 12 schools in the area, meeting with the Head of School to develop action plans and provide sign posting. The programme aims to tackle increasing weights seen by year 6, as measured through the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).</td>
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<td>Northamptonshire Sport has also received Public Health funding to offer all schools a ‘Change 4 Life’ club. This is being piloted in the Wellingborough area with 10 schools in the first cohort. An Active Lifestyle Co-ordinator will be appointed with the plan, following the pilot for both programmes to be rolled out to more areas.</td>
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<td><strong>NCC Public Health:</strong> Stephen Marks advised that Public Health has undergone a major restructure and that there are now 4 new specialists in post with another 2 due to start shortly. Public Health wish to establish links with boroughs &amp; districts to improve communication and provide support and they are also looking to have a named individual for each area and for them to attend the Health &amp; Well-being Forum.</td>
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<td><strong>BCW Housing:</strong> Vicki Jessop advised that should there be a cold snap and temperatures are below 0 degrees for 3 consecutive days the borough council will implement its Severe Weather Emergency Protocol delivered in partnership with the Salvation Army.</td>
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| **11. Date of next meeting:**
Tuesday 10th February 2015 @ 2.00 pm
Committee Room, Council Offices, Swanspool House, Doddington Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1BP |