

Health and Wellbeing Board

Tuesday 21 January 2020 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present: Councillor Craddock (Chair)
Councillor Martin
Councillor Robertson
Ms. K. Allward, Head of Integrated Commissioning (sub)
Ms. S. Rowe, Executive Director Children's Services
Mr. S. Gunther, Director of Public Health
Dr. A. Rischie,] Clinical
Ms. S. Shingler] Commissioning Group
Mr. P. Tulley] representatives
Ms. M. Poonia, Healthwatch Walsall
Mr. P. Walters, West Midlands Fire Service (sub)
Ms. S. Taylor, One Walsall (sub)
Ms. J. Haywood, Walsall Housing sector (sub)
Mr. D. Fradgley, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust (sub)
Ms. J. Holt, Walsall College

669/20 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Ms. P. Furnival, Ms. J. Malone, Chief Superintendent A. Parsons, Mr. A. Boys, Ms. F. Shanahan and Mr. M. Axccl.

670/20 Substitutions

The Board noted the following substitutions for this meeting only:

- Ms. K. Allward for Ms. P. Furnival, Executive Director Adult Social Care
- Mr. P. Waters for Ms. J. Malone, West Midlands Fire Service
- Ms. S. Taylor for Mr. A Boys, One Walsall
- Ms. J. Haywood for Ms. F. Shanahan, Walsall Housing sector
- Mr. D. Fradgley for Mr. R. Beeken, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust

671/20 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2019 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

- Mr P. Tulley to be included on the list of members present
- Reference to Ms. A. Fareer should read Ms. A. Farrer

672/20 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

673/20 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

674/20 Resilient communities model

In attendance: Councillor G. Perry, Cabinet portfolio holder for
 Communities, Leisure and Culture
 Mr P. Gordon, Head of Business Change

A report to Cabinet on 18 December 2019 was submitted for information which outlined the high level service transition of the Resilient Communities model , its functions, form and delivery timetable:

(see annexed)

Councillor Perry explained the background to the new model which was designed to enable and support people to have personal responsibility; to promote community led solutions; enable integrated services for the delivery of support to communities; and integrated enforcement actions. He stressed the partnership approach to this model, many of which were partners on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Board members supported the model however, Mr P. Tully commented that there was significant synergy with the Resilient Communities component of the Walsall Together Programme and was concerned that this may lead to misunderstanding and duplication. In response, Mr Fradgley advised that he had had a conversation with Councillor Perry to ensure a consistent and coherent approach to the two largely complementary models and that they would continue to liaise together.

Resolved

That the Resilient Communities model presented be supported and that further progress reports be submitted to ensure alignment between this model and the Resilient communities component of the Walsall Together Programme; and that in the meantime, the two lead organisations continue to work together accordingly.

675/20 Walsall Plan – Improving the environment in Walsall Town Centre priority

In attendance: Mr. S. Tranter, Head of Regeneration and Development

The report setting out progress against priority 3 of the Walsall Plan – Walsall Town Centre was submitted:

(see annexed)

Mr Tranter gave a presentation providing an overview of the Council's Town Centre Masterplan, the aim of which was to have the healthiest high street in the Country. He stressed that 'Health' in this context was in the wider sense and included for example, the health of the economy, the cultural offer, the atmosphere and not just to food outlets.

Members discussed the report and presentation during which time, comments included:

- More key messages to be consistently provided to challenge and change behaviours of users of the Town Centre so that it is not further depressed.
- Potentially providing outlets for behaviours such as having a graffiti wall.
- The proposed number of electric car charging point is not ambitious enough.
- More could be done to link with the Canals and Rivers trust to ensure that canal towpaths were kept in reasonable condition to promote walking and cycling.
- That there were over 15 million public transport movements in Walsall each year and that there has been a programme of engagement activity with Town Centre users as any changes would impact upon those uses; however, this may only capture views of the usual willing contributors.

The Chairman thanked Simon for his presentation and it was:

Resolved

- (1) That the Board notes the content of the report and the alignment of this work with the Walsall Plan.
- (2) That all agencies reassure themselves that they have the right leads to support the delivery of the action plan.
- (3) That consideration be given to setting up a small working group of board member volunteers to look at the suggestions made during the discussion

676/20 Better Care Fund – Quarter 3

In attendance: Ms. C. Thompson, Better Care Fund Manager

Ms. C. Thompson presented the Quarter 3 performance report for the Better Care Fund and Improved Better Care Fund:

(see annexed)

Ms Thompson commented that the underspend shown for Quarter 3 was not unusual as there would be more spend towards Q4. She advised that this may lead to an overspend however plans were in place to mitigate this and that overall performance for the programme showed a stable position.

Ms Thompson responded to questions and points of clarification during which time she concurred that the functioning of equipment stores may lead to delayed discharges from hospital and that an inquiry had been launched accordingly.

Resolved

That Walsall Health and Wellbeing Board receives, notes and approves the Quarter 3 return for submission to the national Better Care Fund team.

677/20 Walsall Safeguarding Board – Annual reports 2018/19

In attendance: Liz Murphy, Independent Chair, Safeguarding Board

Ms. Murphy presented the annual reports for Walsall Safeguarding Adult Board and Walsall Safeguarding Children Board:

(see annexed)

Ms. Murphy also presented an executive summary for each of the reports which gave an overview of safeguarding activity, conclusions and priorities for the ensuing year. Ms Murphy asked that the Board:

- Included Domestic Abuse in its Walsall Plan priority - Violence Reduction;
- Support and champion the Family Safeguarding and Walsall together models
- Support and champion the development of an all-age exploitation strategy
- Allow safeguarding partnerships to contribute to the JSNA refresh to help shape the needs of the most vulnerable in Walsall.

With regard to Domestic Abuse, Mr P. Walters offered the support of the Fire Service via its Safe and Well visits. Ms Holt mentioned that the college was being supported by the West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit to involve staff and students in their programmes. In addition she said that the Wolverhampton University was undertaking research into Domestic Abuse and would be hoping to share the outcome with the Safeguarding Board.

Dr Rischie commented that whilst there was an increased awareness in the community in relation to Domestic Abuse, there was a frustration from GPs that information was not being communicated to them. Ms. Murphy undertook to look into this.

Resolved

That the Walsall Safeguarding Adult Board and Walsall Safeguarding Children Board Annual Reports 2018/19 be noted.

678/20 Healthwatch Walsall – Update January 2020

In attendance: Ms. A. Fareer, Healthwatch Walsall.

Ms. Farrer presented the report on the progress of Healthwatch Walsall's work delivery plan for 2019/20:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the progress in delivering the Healthwatch Walsall work plan for 2019/20.
- (2) That the Health and Wellbeing Board supports the work plan of Healthwatch Walsall.

679/20 Walsall Children and Young People Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy Transformation Plan

In attendance: Ms. J. Alexander

A report was presented which updated the Board on the progress from the original strategy on the implementation of the Local Transformation Plan:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the successful approval of the refreshed Children and Young People Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Transformation Plan October 2019 be noted
- (2) That highlight progress report from the 2018/2019 strategy be noted.

680/20 SEND – Local Area Improvement Programme

Ms. S. Kelly, Executive Director, Children's Services presented a report which gave an update on the implementation of the programme to provide assurance to the Board.

(see annexed)

Ms Kelly responded to questions from members during which time she confirmed that whilst there was a legacy backlog of requests for Education Health and Care Plans, this should be cleared by June this year. In response to interest from Ms J. Holt, Walsall College, to be involved in activities, Ms Kelly said that she would raise this with the Local Area Inspection Improvement Board.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

681/20 Clean air outside schools

The decision of Council from its meeting on 6 January 2020 was submitted for information:

(see annexed)

It was noted that the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee had established a task and finish group around this subject and that the outcome if significant, would be included on a future Board agenda.

Resolved

That the Council Decision be noted.

682/20 Work programme

The work programme was submitted:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting terminated at 8.05 p.m.

Chair:

Date: