

Health and Wellbeing Board

Tuesday 27 April 2021 at 4.00 p.m.

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

Held in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020; and conducted according to the Council's Standing Orders for Remote Meetings and those set out in the Council's Constitution.

Present:

- Councillor S. Craddock (Chair)
- Dr. A. Rischie, Clinical Commissioning representative (Vice-Chair)
- Councillor R. Martin
- Councillor I. Robertson
- Mr. S. Gunther, Director of Public Health
- Mrs K. Allward, Adult Social Care
- Ms. S. Rowe, Executive Director Children's Services
- Mr. G. Griffiths-Dale, Managing Director, Clinical Commissioning Group
- Dr. Lodhi, Clinical Commissioning Group (part meeting)
- Ms. M. Poonia, Healthwatch Walsall
- Chief Supt. A. Parsons, West Midlands Police
- Ms. D. Lytton, One Walsall (Substitute)
- Mr M. Hill, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust (substitute)
- Ms. M. Foster, Black Country Healthcare NHS Trust
- Ms. F. Shanahan, Housing Sector

728 **Welcome**

Councillor Craddock opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, and explaining the rules of procedure and legal context in which the meeting was being held. He also directed members of the public viewing the meeting to the papers which could be found on the Council's Committee Management Information system (CMIS) webpage.

As this was the last meeting of the Board for the Municipal Year, Councillor Craddock took the opportunity to reflect on the last 12 months. On behalf of the Board, he paid tribute to those who had been working in hospitals on the front line; and recognised those who had lost lives during the Covid Pandemic. Councillor Craddock also praised the work of the Board's Sub-Committee, the Local Outbreak and Engagement Board, which had met regularly and provided the link between the Board and the Public. He thanked the members of the both the Outbreak Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board for their work and thanked the Director of Public Health, other Board members and supporting staff for their assistance during this time.

729 **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor Wilson, Mr D. Loughton (NHS Trust) Ms J. Malone, (WMFS) Ms M. Dehal(One Walsall)

730 **Minutes**

(a) **Health and Wellbeing Board**

Councillor Craddock moved approval of the minutes of the meeting on 26 January 2021 which was put to the vote by way of a roll-call of Board members.

The motion subsequently declared carried and it was:

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2021, copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record.

(b) **Local Outbreak Engagement Board Sub-Committee**

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Outbreak Engagement Sub-Committee on 19 January, 4 February, 2 March were submitted for information:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the minutes be noted.

731 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

732 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

733 **Annual Report of the Director of Public Health**

The Director of Public Health, Mr S. Gunther, submitted his report and gave a presentation which highlighted the key findings.

(see annexed)

Mr Gunther explained that the report was for the period 2020/21 and focussed on the key issues affecting children and young people's health and wellbeing, identifying where there was an inequality both within the Borough and in comparison with other areas of the Country. In response to questions, Mr Gunther advised that he would be working with relevant partners to implement the recommendations in the Annual report, many of which were already underway, with a further report being submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board in due course.

Councillor Craddock thanked Mr Gunther for his work and pointed out that much of the report had been written before the Covid Pandemic.

Board members welcomed the report and it was:

Resolved (by assent)

1. To note the findings presented in this year's report and the learning from the ethnographic study "Growing Up in Walsall" and their implications for the health of children in Walsall.
2. That the Health and Wellbeing Board members support the implementation of relevant recommendations in their respective organisations.

734 Health and Wellbeing Transformation Workstreams

A report was submitted which sought Board's approval of a transformation programme and workstreams for 2021/22 to ensure that the Board delivered its statutory requirements in relation to the co-ordination of provision to address local health and wellbeing issues.

(see annexed)

Resolved (by assent)

That the Board approves the proposed four workstreams for 2021/22:

- 1. Delivery of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
- 2. Delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-25
- 3. Development of governance arrangements
- 4. Delivery of the 201/22 priorities as outlined in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017/20

735 West Midlands Police Annual Report

Chief Supt Parsons presented a report which highlighted those areas of the West Midlands Police (WMP) "This Work Matters" Strategy to prevent crime, protect the public and help those in need in support of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

(see annexed)

Councillor Craddock thanked Chief Supt. Parsons for his work and it was

Resolved (unanimous)

To note the activity undertaken by West Midlands Police in support of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

At this point, Chief Supt. Parsons left the meeting

736 Homeless – Eviction Prevention

In attendance: Mr J. Wall, Walsall Housing Group

Mrs F. Shanahan, Housing Sector, introduced Mr Wall who gave a presentation informing the Board of a pilot between Walsall Council and Walsall Housing Group to fund a post of Eviction Prevention Officer to work with customers to prevent eviction for those at most serious risk.

(see annexed)

Members were complementary about the initiative and were pleased to see the work being embedded into partnership forums. The Director of Public Health, Mr Gunther, commented that having a home was a key fundamental of wellbeing and that he would be happy to explore and support this work. In response to a question from Councillor Craddock with regard to links with the Council's Resilient Communities model and other community focused agencies, the representative of One Walsall, Mrs D. Lytton said that the Voluntary and Community sector would be a valuable link to advice and guidance on a number of aspects including debt management and lower level prevention such as mental health. She suggested that a presentation be given to a One Walsall forum to support this initiative.

Concluding the presentation, Ms Shanahan said that the other large housing providers other than Whg were engaged in this initiative through Walsall's Housing Strategy. She added that Walsall had a very strong strategic partnership across all levels and that she felt very well supported in this respect.

Councillor Craddock thanked Ms Shanahan and Mr Wall for their presentation.

At this point, Councillor Martin left the meeting and Dr. Lodhi joined the meeting.

737 Healthwatch Walsall – Progress report

In attendance: Ms. A. Farrer, Manager Healthwatch Walsall.

Ms Poonia and Ms Farrer presented a report which updated the Board on the progress of Healthwatch Walsall's work delivery plan 2020/21

(see annexed)

Councillor Craddock thanked Ms Farrer for her presentation and commented that there were areas of work and recommendations in the report of the Director of Public Health, considered earlier in the meeting, in which Healthwatch Walsall could play a valuable part.

Resolved (by assent)

1. To note the progress in delivering the Healthwatch Walsall work plan for 2020/21
2. That the Health and wellbeing board supports the work plan

738 **Better Care fund**

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

Mrs Thompson presented a report which provided the year-end 2020/21 performance in relation to Walsall Better Care Fund and Improved Better are Fund programme

(See annexed)

Resolved

1. That the Better Care Fund Plan be received and approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Managing Director for Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group at place base, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio holders for Public Health and Adult Social Care to make any minor amendments to the plan, before submission to the Better Care Fund national team on 24 May 2021.

739 **Work programme**

The work programme was submitted and noted.

The meeting terminated at 6.05 p.m.

Chair:

Date: