

Health and Wellbeing Board

9 September 2019

Health and Wellbeing Board – proposed change of membership to include representation from Walsall College.

1. Purpose

To propose a change in the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board to include representation from Walsall College.

2. Recommendation

That the composition of the Health and Wellbeing Board be amended to enable a voting place to be allocated to a representative of Walsall College with effect from the next meeting on 15 October 2019.

3. Report detail

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is responsible for ensuring the delivery of the priorities agreed in the Walsall Plan “Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy”. This involves key strategic partners working together to achieve better health and wellbeing outcomes for residents of Walsall.
- 3.2 A report elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting sets out the Walsall Plan priorities, the partner involvement and agreed actions. This clearly shows that all partners involved are represented on the Health and Wellbeing Board with the exception of Walsall College.
- 3.3 The College provides learning opportunities for young people and, with its recent merger with the Walsall Adult and Community College, also provides Adults with community based learning opportunities. The College has for some time played an integral role in the development of strategic priorities and plans for Walsall across partner organisations.
- 3.4 It is therefore considered that the college could add considerable value to the deliberations of the Board not only in relation to the Walsall Plan but also to the Board’s wider remit.

4. Implications for Joint Working arrangements:

The Board acts as a forum for key leaders to work together to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Walsall. A closer working relationship with the College at Board level would better enable members to access its expertise to support the health and wellbeing agenda.

Legal implications: The Health and Social Care Act 2012 sets a core membership for the Board which is reflected in the current membership. The 2012 Act provides for Health and Wellbeing Boards to also, at any time, appoint additional members as it thinks fit. The Board has added to and reviewed its membership periodically to ensure that it remains current and relevant.

Financial implications: None arising from this report

5. Health and Wellbeing Priorities:

Board priorities: Board members have previously commented upon the merits of representation from the Further Education sector. The contribution of the College as a member of the Board would assist in the delivery of the Boards priorities in the Walsall Plan and its wider responsibilities.

The Walsall Plan Priorities are:

- Preventing Violence
- Walsall On the Move and Smokefree
- A healthier Walsall Town Centre

Marmot objectives: The Marmot Review's six policy objectives for reducing health inequalities includes the creation of "fair employment and good work for all". The College contributes to this objective both by improving education and skills locally and in its relationship with local businesses.

Safeguarding: The College clearly plays a significant role in the protection, welfare and outcomes for vulnerable young people and adults they come into contact with.

Background papers

None

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