

## **Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Monday 7 September 2015 at 6.00 p.m.**

**in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall**

**Present:** Councillor R. Martin (Chair)  
Councillor A. Ditta  
Councillor E. Hughes  
Councillor I. Robertson  
Councillor P. Smith  
Mr. K. Skerman, Interim Executive Director Adult Services  
Dr. B. Watt, Director of Public Health  
Ms. A. Potts, Assistant Director, Children's Services (sub)  
Ms. S. Ali, Clinical Commissioning Group representative  
Mr. S. Fogell, Healthwatch

**In attendance:** Ms. C. Boneham, Health and Wellbeing Programme Manager

### **232/15 Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor E. Hughes and Dr. A. Suri.

### **233/15 Substitutions**

For this meeting only:

Mrs A. Potts for Mr D. Haley, Executive Director Children's Services

At this point, Ms S. Ali informed the Committee that the Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) had reviewed its membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board and whilst still retaining five seats, the makeup of those seats would now be two officers and three GPs as follows, rather than one officer and four GPs:

- Accountable Officer – Ms Salma Ali
- Director of Commissioning – Mr. J. Wicks
- CCG Board Chairman – Dr. Amrik Gill
- CCG Board member - Dr. Suri
- CCG Board member – Dr A. Rischie

In response to a question from members, Ms Ali explained the reason for the review of membership. She said that in view of the increasing focus by the Health and Wellbeing Board on strategic commissioning and the Health and Social Care strategic transformation, the CCG Board had considered it appropriate for the Lead officer for strategic commissioning to be a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board to ensure continuity and to strengthen the role of the Health and wellbeing board.

## 234/15 Minutes

### Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2015 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record subject Councillor Arif being included in the list of those members who had submitted apologies.

## 235/15 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 236/15 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

## 237/15 Walsall Local Plan - consultation

Mr. M. Smith, Planning Policy Manager presented a report and circulated a copy of presentation slides which advised of the start of consultation on three important documents planning for the future development of the borough:

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Mr Smith highlighted the background and purpose of the documents and the programme of consultation and decision making. He explained the expectations in the core strategy in relation to Housing provision, sites for industry, managing waste, the environment, transport and the town centre offer. He went on to refer particularly to the links to health i.e.:

- Homes and jobs, open spaces, quality environment and access to opportunities.
- In allocating sites seek to avoid / minimise / mitigate exposure to pollution.
- Knowing where the homes & jobs will be should help plan health, education and other facilities.
- Involving health and other interests should help lead to better plans.
- What additional health facilities might we need land / premises for?
- More at the hospital? More elsewhere? What / where? What is the strategy?
- How might any additional facilities be provided and paid for?

A lengthy discussion took place during which time the following comments were made:

- The Plan should try to ensure that children do not have to travel too far to access travel and schools.
- Open spaces should be protected and maintained to benefit the health of residents
- Air Pollution, especially from the motorway, was a serious concern as it was a contributing factor to health problems
- There was a need to pool resources more and link to Health Partnerships and Area Partnerships to make best possible use of total available resources.
- Ensure that thought was given to health provision e.g. access to GP services consideration of housing developments.
- The Plan should support the Ageing well agenda. It was important that the local plan reflected the Joint Health and Social Care needs with the population living longer and staying in their own homes, there was a need to 'plan today for tomorrow' with regard to education and housing provision.
- The style of housing needed to reflect this and be fit for the future. E.g. incorporate access for disabled and be adaptable for future needs (including. Mental health disability – dementia)
- Emphasis should be on provision of sheltered accommodation rather than care homes. A limit should be put on the number of care homes in the borough, based on an analysis and evidence, so that people with high level needs are not imported but that Walsall's residents were supported.
- Provision of public transport should be supported and in particular, thought should be given to providing an inner circle route
- Overcrowding in multiple-occupancy housing should be avoided

During further discussion, members considered that, bearing in mind the other substantial items on the agenda for this meeting, further consideration of the draft plans should be deferred to a future date.

### **Resolved**

That a special meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board be arranged in order to discuss the issues in more detail.

### **238/15 Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Money, home job**

Mrs J Kaur-Gill, Regeneration Employment & Skills Manager presented a report which provided a performance dashboard for the priority identified:

(see annexed)

Mrs Kaur-Gill highlighted the significant apprenticeship opportunities made available to young people as a result of recent retail and leisure developments, in particular, employment at the new Primark store and also in respect of the soon to open cinema in Walsall Town Centre. She said that young people on the

Autism Spectrum seemed to work well in a cinema setting and she was working with the organisation accordingly.

Dr Watt mentioned that the extent of sickness absence in the Walsall borough was a concern and needed to be tackled more collectively. Mrs Kaur-Gill advised that the Council's Strategic Regeneration team was promoting the Healthy Workplace programme as widely as possible which should help. It was suggested that an exemplar programme could be produced for NHS staff and Walsall Council staff.

Members were advised by Mrs Kaur-Gill that employment opportunities in the 'Troubled Families' programme was also being focused upon with staff from the Department for Work and Pensions being seconded to the Council to help deliver the programme; and that this was being supported through the Council's successful 'Walsall Works' initiative. She also mentioned that the Council's Skills and Employment team was working with the Walsall Adult and Community College to offer a programme to support core skills.

Members also noted that £75m worth of new European programme funding had been won by the Black Country which would be targeted towards initiatives for 16-29 year olds and that Children's Services, the Walsall Economic Board and the Skills and Work Boards were engaged in the delivery of the programme.

Mrs Kaur-Gill responded to questions and points of clarification during which time she undertook to provide a briefing note to Councillor Robertson about the resources available to support this work within the Welfare Rights team. Members also drew attention to the need to ensure that other relevant plans referred to such as the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Corporate Plan, were up to date. Mrs Kaur-Gill undertook to forward the Board's comments to the appropriate officers.

A further short period of debate took place following which, the Chairman thanked Mrs Kaur-Gill for presenting the report and it was:

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board considers that the information provided is sufficient to give members assurance that either adequate progress is being made or that the named lead Boards have adequate corrective action plans in place to tackle poor performance.
- (2) That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the linkages with Partner strategies and/or references to shared priorities shown in this performance dashboard and is satisfied that all partners are taking the Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities relating to Money, Home and Job into account when considering commissioning priorities.

## 239/15 Health and Wellbeing Board 2014/15 – review

The Health and Wellbeing Programme Manager, Mrs C Boneham, and the Lead Media and Communications Officer, Mr I. Smart, presented a report which explained the purpose of the review. A draft copy of the proposed format and content of the review document was also presented for comment.

(see annexed)

A discussion took place on the suggested content and best methods to distribute the document. It was noted that the document was a strategic document aimed to informing a wider audience of professionals and interested parties rather than the general public. Therefore members considered that the document should be in digital format foremost supported by other conventional means.

Mrs Boneham asked for any further comments, and suggested images for inclusion in the document, to be directed to her by the end of that week.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the overall layout and content of the review be approved.
- (2) That the methods of distribution as discussed be agreed.
- (3) That the likely timescale for publication being the end of September be noted.

## 240/15 Better Care Fund – update

Mr. A. Rust, Head of Joint Commissioning presented a report providing an update on progress with implementation and expenditure against the Better Care Fund pooled budget:

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Mr Rust highlighted that the activity in the Dementia Support Services Work stream had been both nationally and internationally recognised with enquiries being received as far as Japan and America. Members said that they would be pleased to see examples of these enquiries at the proposed development session.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board hold a further development session to provide an opportunity to examine progress across the work-streams in more detail;
- (2) That utilisation of the Better Care Fund contingency is allocated to Walsall Healthcare Trust as follows:

- (a) Transformation of services: £500k supporting developments in the following areas:
- Care Closer to Home £150k
  - Productivity and Efficiency – Flow/Theatres/Outs £110k
  - Improving Community Services – Mobility and Telehealth £120k
  - Improving Access to Oncology £120k
- (b) An additional £550k has been invested to contribute to the national requirement to commission additional emergency activity to assist in the achievement of A&E targets;
- (3) That a small sum of £23k under-spend against Independent Sector Impact on Hospital Flows be re-allocated to the Bed Based Transitional Care Pathway;
- (4) That, it be noted that, in line with the governance and risk sharing arrangements for the BCF pooled budget, financial responsibility for the current £150k forecast over-spend remains with the local authority.
- (5) That the Joint Commissioning Committee is tasked with examining the potential benefits of expanding the level of funding in the Better Care Pooled Budget by aligning expenditure on elements of health and social care services for older people that are not currently included in the BCF, to include a risk assessment and an impact assessment.

#### **241/15 Strategic transformation update**

Ms. S. Ali, Clinical Commissioning Group Accountable Officer presented a report which updated on the development of strategic transformation plans for Walsall:

(see annexed)

Ms Ali advised that the transformation programme would be focusing on the older people's agenda and would consist of three workstreams: Developing Community Nursing Teams, Frail Older People; and unplanned admissions to hospital. She said that Walsall Council's Chief Executive, Paul Sheehan had chaired the first meeting of the Healthy Walsall Board (formerly the Health and Social Care Integration Board), that Leads had been allocated to each of the workstreams and that good progress had been made.

#### **Resolved**

That the development of the Strategic Transformation Programme be noted.

## 242/15 Public health funding – response to consultation

Dr. Watt, Director of Public Health presented which informed the Board of the Department of Health's consultation on its proposal to reduce the 2015/16 Public Health allocation:

(see annexed)

Dr Watt referred to the response which had highlighted her concerns in relation to the reduction in the Government's Public Health Allocation for 2015/16 for Walsall which equated to £1.1m. This included the transfer to the Council of the Health Visiting Service which had also transferred with insufficient funding to provide outcomes. She also said that she had expressed concerns about short duration of the period of consultation.

Members discussed the report and response and expressed their serious concern at the proposals which they considered did not have regard to the priorities in Walsall's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and would have a significant effect on the ability to continue the health initiatives which would impact on the quality of life of residents. Members stressed the need to lobby the Government wherever possible and ensure that the local Members of Parliament were fully aware of the situation in order for them to lend their support.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the response to the consultation submitted by the Director of Public Health be noted.
- (2) That the implications of the proposed cut for public health programmes in Walsall set out in the response be noted.
- (3) That a letter be sent to the Walsall Members of Parliament urging them to join with members of the Health and Wellbeing Board in expressing concern at the proposal to reduce the public health allocation.

## 243/15 Work programme 2015/16

The work programme was submitted:

(see annexed)

Cath Boneham highlighted that arrangements were being made for a Development Session for Health and Wellbeing Board members sometime in October which would consider the Better Care Fund. She pointed out that the report on progress from Healthwatch Walsall was due next meeting.

### **Resolved**

That the work programme be noted.

#### **244/15 Key promotional messages**

There were no suggestions for promotional messages from this meeting

#### **245/15 Date of next meeting**

The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board, scheduled for 19 October 2015, may be rearranged as there was a likelihood that all councillors would be summoned to a special Council meeting on that date in order to consider proposals for a West Midlands Combined Authority.

The meeting terminated at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: