

## Health and Wellbeing Board

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21 March 2023** in a conference room at the Council House, Walsall at 4.30pm

**Present**  
(in person) Councillor G. Flint (Chair)  
Dr A. Rischie, Integrated Care Board (Vice-Chair)  
Mr. S. Gunther, Director of Public Health  
Councillor Elson  
Councillor Pedley  
Mrs K. Allward, Executive Director, Adult Social Care  
Ms F. Shanahan, Walsall Housing Sector

**Present**  
(Remote) Mrs S. Rowe, Executive Director, Children's Services  
Mr R. Nicklin Chair, Healthwatch Walsall  
Ms L. Brookes, (sub) Black Country Healthcare Foundation Trust  
Ms R. Davies, Walsall College  
Mr S. Evans (sub) Walsall Hospital NHS Trust  
Ms S. Samuels, West Midlands Fire Service

**In Attendance:**  
(In Person) Mrs H. Owen, Democratic Services Officer

**In attendance:**  
(Remote) Ms C. Williams, Public Health Specialist Project Manager

### 805 **Welcome**

Councillor Flint opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, and explaining the rules of procedure and legal context in which the meeting was being held. He said that he would consult all Board members on their views if a vote was required however, only those Board members present in the Council House were able to vote and that this would be done by a show of hands which would be recorded.

Members of the public viewing the meeting to the papers which could be found on the Council's Committee Management Information system (CMIS) webpage.

Members noted that Item 7 – Place Integrated Commissioning Board, had been withdrawn from this agenda.

Introductions took place and a quorum of members present in-person was established.

### 806 **Apologies and substitutions**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nawaz and Mr D. Loughton (substitute Mr S. Evans)

807 **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2022, a copy having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

808 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

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

There were no items to be considered in private session.

810 **We are Walsall 2040 consultation on draft strategy**

In attendance: Dr K. Griffiths, Head of Policy and Strategy

Ms Griffiths presented a report and gave a presentation which updated the Board on feedback following consultation over the summer and autumn of 2022 and sought views of the Board on the draft Strategy.

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Dr Griffiths explained that the public consultation closed that day and that the strategy would be updated over the next couple of weeks before finalising in June 2023. She highlighted that this strategy was not just a Council Strategy but a partnership strategy.

Members welcomed the report and draft strategy and suggested that the 2040 strategy needed to lead into the Economic Strategy and also that an immediate action plan should be produced for the 'here and now' challenges so that they did not disrupt the longer term vision.

A vote was taken amongst those members present in the room following which it was:

**Resolved:**

That the Health and wellbeing Board agree to endorse the final strategy once agreed and commit to the delivery of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy against the We are Walsall 2040 framework.

811 **Review of Council Commissioning Intentions**

The Executive Director, Adult Social Care, Mrs K. Allward presented a report which informed the Board of Walsall Council's Public Health, Children's and Adult Social Care commissioning intentions for 2023/24 as required by the Health and Social Care Act 2012

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

That the report be noted.

### **812 2022-23 Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report on Priorities**

The Director of Public Health, Mr S. Gunther, presented a report which provided a review of members' achievements on the delivery of the priorities in the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

(see annexed)

#### **Resolved:**

- 1) That the Annual report on the delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Board priorities be noted.
- 2) That the Health and Wellbeing Board partner organisations provide a 6-month update for discussion at an informal workshop arranged for that purpose, to provide assurance that the priorities of the Board are being delivered.
- 3) That formal reports on specific issues be subsequently submitted to the Board, should this be required.

### **813 Delivery of the Mental Wellbeing Strategy**

In attendance: Nadia Inglis, Consultant in Public Health

Ms Brookes, Black Country Healthcare Trust presented a report which updated the Board on the arrangements for delivering the strategy via the Walsall Multi-agency Mental Wellbeing Stakeholder Partnership

(see annexed)

#### **Resolved:**

That the report be noted

### **814 Black Country Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Strategy for Children and Young People**

In attendance: Margaret Courts, Black Country Healthcare Trust  
Sarah Hogan, Black Country Healthcare Trust  
Esther Higdon, Snr Public Health Development Manager

Ms Courts and Ms Hogan presented a report which informed of the production of a Black Countrywide Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Strategy for Children and Young People to deliver the vision for young people

(see annexed)

Ms Higdon informed members that a needs assessment was currently being prepared to look at how 'need' is supported across the country and that consultation was proposed to help inform the strategy.

Members thanked the presenters for their work and it was:

**Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

**815 Healthwatch Walsall**

The Chair of Healthwatch Walsall, Mr R. Nicklin presented a report which updated the Board on the progress of Healthwatch Walsall's work programme for 2022/23.

(see annexed)

**Resolved:**

That the Annual Report be noted.

**816 Director of Public Health Annual Report**

The Director of Public Health, Mr S. Gunther, presented his independent Annual Report for 2022 – "Feeding our Future".

(see annexed)

Ms Shanahan referred to Chapter 2 and specifically relating to using underused land to grow food and said that the housing sector did have some small derelict pieces of land and on behalf of Whg offered to work with the Director of Public Health to look at the potential to pilot a proof of concept.

**Resolved**

- 1) That the key findings and recommendations presented in this year's report be noted
- 2) That the Board supports the implementation of the recommendations through respective organisations
- 3) That the Board promotes the report across the borough

**817 Public Health Outcomes Framework**

The Director of Public Health, Mr S. Gunther, presented a report updating on the use of the framework

(see annexed)

**Resolved:**

- 1) Members note the detail of this report.
- 2) Utilise the 3x3 matrix outside of this Board, to open up discussions and subsequent action both within and outside the Council, on how to improve public health outcomes.
- 3) Members note, that incorporating health and wellbeing considerations into decision making across sectors and policy areas, it can make a significant contribution to improving wellbeing for the people of Walsall.
- 4) Members note, that the 3x3 matrix has been showcased throughout the organisation and continues to evolve over time with amendments to further enhance its capability.

**818 Work programme**

The work programme was noted. The Chair reminded members to take note of the deadlines for reports to be submitted for publication which had previously been circulated to Board members.

**Date of next meeting** – to be confirmed following the Annual Council meeting.

**Thank you to Dr Rishie**

At this point, the Chair mentioned that this would be Dr Rishie's last meeting and thanked him on behalf of the Board for his time and dedication.

The meeting terminated at 5.44 pm

Chair:

Date: