

Health and Wellbeing Board – 22 July 2013

Health and Wellbeing Board – Membership

1. Purpose

To inform members of a number of requests to join the Health and Wellbeing Board

2. Recommendation

Either

To note the requests to join the Health and Wellbeing Board and to consider all requests further when membership of the Board is reviewed for the next municipal year.

Or

To agree requests as the Board thinks appropriate and recommend Council to amend the composition of the Board accordingly.

3. Report detail

3.1 Following a recommendation from the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board on 25 February, the Council established the Health and Wellbeing Board on 8 April with a remit and terms of reference consistent with that of the Shadow Board.

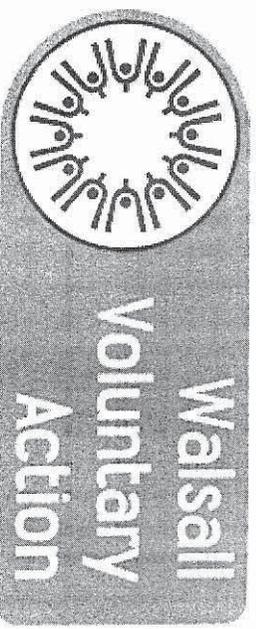
3.2 At its meeting on 22 May 2013 the Council appointed members to the Board for the municipal year 2013/14 as follows:

Councillors Ali, R. Andrew, Burley, James, Lane, D. Shires, Smith
Executive Director, Neighbourhoods
Executive Director, Adult Services
Executive Director, Children's Services
Director of Public Health
5 Clinical Commissioning Group representatives
1 Healthwatch representative

- 3.3 Further representations have been received from a number of organisations for membership of the Board and these are:
- NHS England
 - Walsall Voluntary Action (Written request attached at Appendix A)
 - West Midlands Police
 - West Midland Fire and Rescue Service (Written request attached at Appendix B)
- 3.4 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 sets a core membership for the Board which formed the basis of the current membership. The Health and Wellbeing Board can also appoint additional members as it thinks fit and make a recommendation to Council to amend the composition of the Board accordingly.

Jamie Morris
Executive Director

12 July 2013



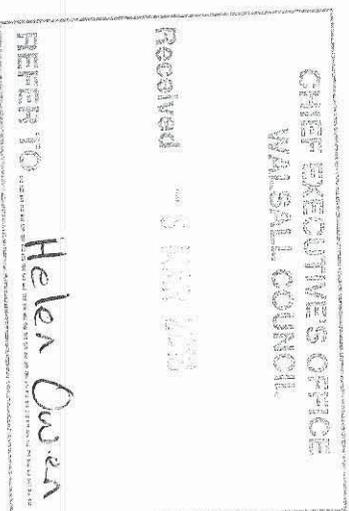
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1st March 2013

Mr Paul Sheehan
Chief Executive
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Dear

I am writing on behalf of the Trustee Board of Walsall Voluntary Action (WVA) to express our concern about WVA's representation on the Walsall Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). As an organisation we were represented on the HWB during its shadow and set up stage and we are keen to retain this status from April 2013 as HWB gains its statutory status with Walsall Council.

Key elements of the vision of the Walsall HWB are to:

- Encourage collective leadership to integrate services and better meet local health and wellbeing needs;
- Encourage genuine collaboration between organisations involved in the Health and Wellbeing arena – including the voluntary sector;
- Connect health provision with the wider public and community sector;
- Provide "added value" by engaging the public, re-align resources and sharing priorities and tangible outcomes.

WVA are uniquely placed to provide the representational and facilitating role for Walsall HWB to both meet their vision and ensure "added value". As an organisation we:

- Facilitate, advise and support over 600 large and small scale voluntary and community sector organisations throughout Walsall, providing us with a strategic overview of the operational requirements of the voluntary sector and how this can be fed into the development of the Walsall HWB;
- Have direct contact with voluntary and community organisations who contribute significantly to the advancement of the health and wellbeing agenda in Walsall;
- Are in a position to disseminate information and organise the practical and strategic input of these organisations for the advancement of the Walsall HWB.

Could we please arrange to discuss this issue as a matter of urgency. Could you please either contact me or my Chief Executive Officer Mr Tim Warren on the contact information supplied with this letter.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Rice

Chair Walsall Voluntary Action



Walsall Council

Neighbourhood Services

Our Ref: JM/LS
Date: 11 March 2013
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Mr Carl Rice
Chair
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Dear Carl

Walsall Health and Wellbeing Board

Thank you for your letter of 1 March 2013 addressed to Paul Sheehan, Chief Executive.

The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 25 February, discussed the future membership of the Board in order to make recommendations to the Council meeting on 8 April. The composition of the Board is a matter for full Council and so any changes to the Board's composition would need to be made at this meeting in order for the Board to be formally established as a statutory committee of the Council.

The Board discussed, at some length, the issue of voluntary sector representation but decided that the voluntary sector was represented on the Board by way of the Local Healthwatch and that there were also other engagement mechanisms available. Indeed the local Healthwatch is being invited to attend the next meeting of the Board to make a presentation explaining how they will engage with voluntary groups and the wider community.

Clearly the Board will be keeping the composition of membership under review during the year ahead and if it comes to light that there are particular gaps or areas where the Board membership should be changed then the Board can make recommendations accordingly to full Council.

I recognise the important role that WVA will continue to play and the contribution you and your member organisations can make to the achievement of our health and wellbeing goals. I am sure you would agree that attendance at meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Board is not a pre-requisite for this. As a close partner of local

authority and the NHS you will be very well placed to work with us and help us achieve the challenging objectives in our Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

I would be very happy to discuss the role of WVA and the health agenda with yourself and/or Tim, particularly now that public health responsibilities will come under the local authority. Please get in touch if you think this would be useful.

Yours sincerely

Jamie Morris
Executive Director

APPENDIX B.

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE SERVICE

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Mick Birch
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Date 12th June 2013
Your Ref MB
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Please ask for

Dear Paul,

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| CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE WALSALL COUNCIL |
| Received 17 JUN 2013 copy Helen Owen |
| REFER TO Ruby J.M |

I am writing to inform you of the excellent work West Midlands Fire Service undertakes in Walsall with regard to vulnerable people and the health agenda as a whole. This is with a view to gaining a seat on the Health and Wellbeing Board. It has a been a firm belief of mine for some time that West Midlands Fire Service should take a lead role around this agenda as we are one of the few community facing partners that the public are happy to welcome into their homes and properties. To my disappointment, we have been omitted from the Board while under the NHS but now that this has been transferred to Walsall Council I am keen to seek your approval to have a seat at Board level so we can support and influence the direction of travel of this important group and thus the health and wellbeing of the Walsall residents that we serve.

I have listed a selection of projects below that show the level of commitment that we have put towards protecting Walsall residents and 'Keeping the West Midlands Safe'.

Projects:-

- Walsall has 12 Vulnerable Persons Officers (VPO's) – uniformed and non uniformed staff trained to deliver extra levels of care to vulnerable people and equipped with additional equipment than a normal fire fighter.
- Making Every Contact Count – All watches have received Healthy Lifestyle Training that allows them to undertake brief intervention conversations with members of the public around topics such as smoking cessation, alcohol and drug use, exercise and diet and mental health wellbeing.
- Walsall Hub – West Midlands Fire Service has project managed and delivered the Walsall Hub for agencies to refer directly to one and other quickly, easily and securely with the added bonus of the being able receiving partner to provide feedback of action taken.
- Walsall Community Alarms – for the past two years West Midlands Fire Service has installed Walsall Community Alarms as part of its Home Safety Check.
- Hearing Impaired Support – West Midlands Fire Service has a dedicated team of people that are British Sign Language qualified that can delivery fire safety information to people that deaf or hard of hearing. This is quite pertinent as I'm sure you are aware that Walsall has

"Making West Midlands Safer"

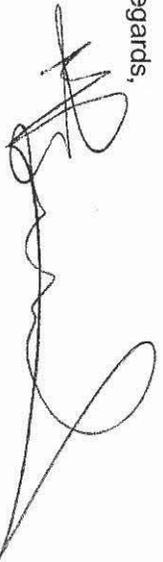
one of the highest populations of deaf communities in the country.

- Special Education Needs – As part of our targeted youth work we have a number of fire fighters that are trained to deliver fire safety information to people with special education needs.
- Cycle Team – Walsall Community Cycle Team can deliver Bike-ability Level 1
- MASK – Several fire fighters are trained in Multi-Activity Sport Club a schools based project that teaches young people how to be active in a non-competitive way and the value of a nutritious diet.

This is not an exhaustive list, but I believe it demonstrates our commitment to diversifying our service delivery to take account of the Health & Wellbeing Agenda

I look forward to your response and please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this matter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mick Birch', written over a horizontal line.

Mick Birch
Walsall Operations Commander