

Special Health and Wellbeing Board

Monday 29 April 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present: Councillor Z. Ali (Chairman)
Councillor R. Andrew
Councillor D. James
Councillor P. Lane
Councillor E. Russell
Councillor D.A. Shires
Councillor P.E. Smith
Ms. R. Collinson, Interim Director Children's Services
Mr. J. Bolton, Interim Executive Director Adult Services
Dr. I. Gillis, Director of Public Health
Dr. P. Green (sub)] Clinical Commissioning
Dr. A. Suri] Group representatives
Ms. S. Ali]
Mr. R. Pryzbilko, Healthwatch representative

14/13 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf Mr. J. Morris, Dr. A. Gill, and Dr. Mohan.

15/13 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

16/13 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

17/13 Consultation on Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The Director of Public Health, Dr. I. Gillis, presented a report which summarised the consultation responses and presented the final strategy:

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Dr. Gillis emphasised that the strategy was a product at a point in time but that the work programme would ensure that the delivery of the strategy was scoped widely. The Chairman gave reassurances that the delivery plan would be flexible and responsive to issues the board would inevitably have to deal with.

A lengthy discussion took place on the consultation responses and content of the strategy. Members commented that they were encouraged by the number of consultation responses and recognised the work done to produce the document. However, members made some amendments to the strategy prior to being submitted to Council for approval. These and other comments included:

- An executive summary should be produced.
- More work in the strategy was needed on innovation and diffusion – looking at high impact changes which already have an evidence base.
- Page 9 first line to be changed to read “This strategy all statutory and non-statutory partners in Walsall must tackle”.
- Page 29 5.8 – Recommendation 10 – should be moved to 5.11 – Community capacity.
- The document should restate the challenge with resources.
- There was a need to identify “what success looks like” – to be outcome focussed; and what the direction of travel looked like i.e. how to spot “trouble ahead”.
- An easy read version needed to be produced which showed simply what the board was focussing on and what would be different for residents because of this.
- Area partnerships to look at the key things Health and Wellbeing Board had prioritised, identify what they want to focus on in their areas and to produce their own health strategy linking to their area partnership delivery plans.
- A report should be produced for the Health and Wellbeing Board on how the Health and Wellbeing Board would involve local bodies, how area partnerships will help deliver the strategy – to be submitted to the area partnership chairs and vice-chairs meeting and Cabinet portfolio holder portfolio holders first.
- Planning officers to be requested to present the site allocation document and the area action plan for the borough which they were currently consulting upon.
- The work programme to include consideration of the housing strategy.

During the discussion, a brief debate took place on the membership of the board and the possible addition of more voluntary sector representatives. The Chairman advised the board of the current position and said that any propositions on membership should be sent to him directly.

Resolved

- (1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board welcomes the number, quality and depth of the responses received during the consultation on the strategy as summarised in Appendix 1 and changes made to the strategy as a result.
- (2) That the final draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy be amended as discussed prior to submission to Council.
- (3) That the Director of Public Health produce an executive summary to the Health and Wellbeing Board in consultation with the Chairman for submission to Council with the final strategy.
- (4) **To recommend to Council**

That the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy be approved.

18/13 Work programme

The outline work programme was submitted:

(see annexed)

Members noted that the programme would be populated further in readiness for the new municipal year as dates for board meetings and scrutiny and performance panels had not yet been agreed. Members asked for more links to how the programme fitted with the Clinical Commissioning Group and scrutiny and performance panel deliberations.

In response to questions from members the Director of Public Health, Dr. Gillis, advised that there was now a presence on the Council website for health and wellbeing which would contain rolling news and links to reports considered by the board.

Members asked for the language used in the work programme to be easily understood by the public and young people.

Resolved

That the outline work programme be noted.

The meeting terminated at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: