

Health and Wellbeing Board

Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 4.00 p.m.

Venue: Town Hall, Lichfield Street, Walsall.

Note: *As the emergency legislation which enabled Council meetings to meet virtually had expired, the meeting took place in person with a quorum present. Other Board Members and Officers attended the meeting remotely however only those members physically present in the Town Hall voted. The meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams to include all remote contributions and to enable it to be streamed on YouTube.*

Present
(in person) Councillor S. Craddock (Chair)
 Councillor R. Martin
 Councillor I. Robertson
 Mr. S. Gunther, Director of Public Health
 Ms. D. Lytton, One Walsall
 Ms. F. Shanahan, Walsall Housing Partnership/Housing Board

Present
(remote) Dr. A. Rischie, Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group (Vice-Chair)
 Mrs K. Allward, Executive Director, Adult Social Care
 Mrs S. Kelly, Director, Children’s Services
 Mr. G. Griffiths-Dale, Managing Director, Clinical Commissioning
 Group
 Dr. Lodhi, Clinical Commissioning Group
 Ms. M. Poonia, Healthwatch Walsall
 Chief Supt. P. Dolby, West Midlands Police
 Mr M. Hill, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust (substitute)
 Ms. M. Foster, Black Country Healthcare NHS Trust

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

In Attendance: Mrs A. Farrer, Healthwatch Walsall
(Remote) Mrs C. Williams, Specialist Project Manager, Public Health.
 Ms R. Davies, Walsall College

740 **Welcome**

Councillor Craddock opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, and explaining the rules of procedure and legal context in which the meeting was being held. He also directed members of the public viewing the meeting to the papers which could be found on the Council’s Committee Management Information system (CMIS) webpage.

Councillor Craddock welcomed Ms R. Davies, Director of Adult Community Learning, Walsall College who would be taking over from Ms J. Holt following her retirement. He wished Ms Holt well on behalf of the Board.

741 **Apologies and substitutions**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor Wilson and Mrs S. Rowe.

Substitutions: Mrs S. Kelly substituted for Mrs S. Rowe.

742 **Election of Vice-Chair**

As previously agreed by the Board, a nomination was sought for the position of Vice-Chair from Clinical Commissioning Group members. Councillor Craddock nominated Dr A. Rischie who accepted. The nomination was put to the vote and it was:

Resolved:

That Dr. A. Rischie be elected Vice-Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board for the Municipal year 2021-22

743 **Minutes**

(a) **Health and Wellbeing Board**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2021, copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record.

(b) **Local Outbreak Engagement Board Sub-Committee**

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Outbreak Engagement Sub-Committee held on 13 April 2021 were submitted for information:

(see annexed)

Councillor Craddock took the opportunity to advise members of the outcome of a subsequent sub-committee meeting on 6 July which had discussed the current position with regard the number of Covid cases presenting locally. He urged caution coming out of restrictions and encouraged all organisations to consider their health and safety policies and retain the Hands, Face Space guidance. In addition, Councillor Craddock mentioned that whilst there was an excellent uptake of vaccinations in Walsall, the under 30's age group were presenting in greater numbers and stressed the importance of taking up the vaccine offer as the best defence against the virus.

Other Board members concurred and were concerned to ensure that protective measures were retained to protect everyone more generally given the upcoming winter flu season.

Resolved

That the minutes be noted.

744 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

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

There were no items to be considered in private session.

746 **Establishment of Sub-Committee**

A report was submitted which sought approval to establish the Local Outbreak Engagement Board, a sub-committee of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

(see annexed)

The following amendment was reported:

Amendment to the remit set out in the Appendix – replace “Shadow Portfolio Holder” with “One elected member not from the controlling administration”.

It was moved by Cllr Craddock, seconded by Cllr Martin, and

Resolved:

- 1) That the Local Outbreak Engagement Board be established until the first meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board in the 2022-23 municipal year;
- 2) That the remit and membership of the Local Outbreak Engagement Board be confirmed as set out in Appendix 1 (as amended).
- 3) That the remit and membership of the Board be reviewed at the first meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board in the 2022-23 municipal year

747 **Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) Transformation**

The Managing Director of Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group, Mr G. Griffiths-Dale, presented a report which updated on the initial phase of the workstream review of current governance arrangements for the Health and Wellbeing Board and sought approval for a number of recommendations to progress this.

(see annexed)

Mr Griffiths-Dale said that the intention was to broaden the scope of the reporting to focus on the wider determinants of health so that all members of the Health and Wellbeing Board could be engaged. He also touched on the importance of contributions of other related Boards and partner organisations informing the work of the HWB. In this respect he said that having regard to the overlapping membership of many related boards and partner organisations, HWB members had agreed that any reports for assurance or for information should be signed by the chair of the reporting organisation so that the HWB could focus on any gaps in assurance rather than duplicating debate.

Members discussed the report during which time Stephen Gunther said that it was important to capture the forums used over the pandemic and move them to a more strategic forums now working with communities and said that he would report further on this to the Board in due course.

Members briefly discussed the relationship of the HWB with Walsall Together following which Mrs K. Allward cautioned that that the HWB needed to focus on setting outcomes rather than the delivery which was the role of Walsall Together and said that she would explore this further with Dr. Rischie outside the meeting.

Members supported the report which was agreed to be a consensus view and it was:

Resolved:

- 1) That the Board agrees to participate in a review in to the feasibility of the creation a Walsall Strategic Forum to ensure that the remit of the Health and Wellbeing Board is consistent with the wider strategic direction and vision for Walsall.
- 2) The Board approves that the structure of the Board agenda is amended to focus the available time on discussions on key areas where the partnership can add value, and gain assurance from partners that decisions will be implemented.
- 3) The Board approves that in future the agenda for the Health and Wellbeing Board is to be divided into the three prioritised areas, with the thematic discussions driven by the priorities identified through the JSNA.
- 4) The Board agrees that the appropriate chair of the committee sending the report signs off all assurance reports submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 5) The Board agrees that for reports submitted for assurance, the Health and Wellbeing Board focusses on areas where there are gaps in assurance. Reports submitted with full assurance to be noted.
- 6) The Board endorses that The Health and Wellbeing Board will work with counterpart Board's across the Integrated Care System (ICS) to determine learning and/or common actions that will address the identified priorities over 21/22 to inform the development of governance structure from 22/23.
- 7) The Board agrees to the development of an outcomes framework, alongside the JSNA and existing Walsall outcomes frameworks, to ensure that all priorities are covered to inform the Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2022 -25).
- 8) The Board agrees to the development of Proxy indicators to enable the production of a performance report for Health and Wellbeing Board. The aim of this is to focus discussions to ensure preventative and/or corrective action as appropriate to deliver the shared priorities within agreed parameters.

- 9) The Board agrees to the formation of a subgroup to undertake an annual performance review to identify areas of concern for escalation to the next Health and Wellbeing Board as a themed discussion led by Walsall Insights Group (WIG)
- 10) To note that the Council, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, will ensure that meetings are conducted in the most practical and flexible way to maximise attendance and engagement in accordance with the legislative requirements and guidance in place at the time of the meeting

748 **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS) update**

The Director of Public Health, Mr S. Gunther, presented a report which provided assurance in relation to the progress on the production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Mr Gunther also shared the slides at appendix 2 on screen for clarity.

(see annexed)

Members discussed the report during which time Mr Gunther responded to questions and points of clarification and advised as follows:

- With regard to potential delays and distortion of data due to the current Covid situation, the JSNA would be looking at the long term trend and general direction however, it would also look at the impact of the Covid period.
- As a part of collating qualitative data, engagement with the community would be undertaken to capture the local citizen, patient, and individual voice and that Healthwatch Walsall would also be engaged in this.
- Liaison with Walsall Together and the Primary Care Networks would also inform the medium and longer term actions.
- A midlands wide analysis on Long-Covid had been undertaken and the data from that would be used to inform the JSNA.
- In noting that the housing sector was varied and that the quality of private rented sector accommodation was of concern, was a cause, there was to be a report to cabinet looking to invest in improving this sector and landlord policies to provide support and challenge to them. Advice would be sought from the Walsall Insight Group on the potential to break down the data to more detailed level.

Members were also concerned with the impact on mental wellbeing arising from the pandemic including as a result of delays to presenting and treatment of serious illness such as cancer and diabetes. It was considered that the JSNA would inform intervention measures and include a preventative focus.

Resolved:

- 1) To recognise the statutory duty to have an up to date and fit for purpose Walsall JSNA which will, in turn, help to identify priorities for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- 2) To commit to, contribute to and utilise Walsall's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

749 **Health and Wellbeing Board priorities 2020-21**

The Director of Public Health presented a report which updated on the Board priorities workstream agreed at the last meeting

Resolved:

- 1) That the Board accepts the priorities of the Board, members and the associated thematic analysis.
- 2) That the Board agrees to the development of a planned approach to the priorities in line with the agreed work programme for the board, development of the governance arrangements, and wider developments regarding the local health and social care economy. The approach to include focused development sessions; facilitating joint working with the relevant partners and Boards, such as the Economic board, to progress priorities; and alignment with developments taking place across Walsall regarding children and young people
- 3) That the board will identify the top priorities in parallel with the production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment to inform the 2020-25 Health and Wellbeing Strategy part of the Boards work programme for 2021-22..

750 **Work programme**

The work programme was submitted and noted.
Date of next meeting - 19 October 2021

The meeting terminated at 5.10 p.m.

Chair:

Date: