

## **Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Tuesday 16 July 2019 at 6.00 p.m.**

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

**Present:** Councillor Longhi (Chair)  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor Robertson  
Ms. K. Allward, Head of Integrated Commissioning, Adult Social Care  
Mrs. S. Rowe, Executive Director Children's Services  
Ms. M. Peachey, Interim Director of Public Health  
Mr. P. Tulley, Clinical Commissioning Group representative  
Mr. J. Taylor, Healthwatch Walsall  
Ms. J. Malone, West Midlands Fire Service  
Chief Supt. A. Parsons, West Midlands Police  
Mr. A. Boys, One Walsall  
Mr. M. Axcell, Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust

### **620/19 Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Ms. P. Furnival, Dr. A. Rischie and Mr. R. Beeken.

### **621/19 Substitutions**

The Board noted the following substitution for this meeting only:

Ms. K. Allward for Ms. P. Furnival, Executive Director, Adult Social Care

### **622/19 Minutes**

#### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June April 2019 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record.

### **623/19 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

### **624/19 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

## 625/19 The Walsall Plan: Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy

In attendance: Ms. Hamira Sultan, Walsall Council Consultant in Public Health

Ms. M. Peachey, Interim Director of Public Health introduced a report which reviewed the Plans on a Page for each of the three priorities, sought views on partner support and sought views on how locality working could help deliver the priorities:

(see annexed)

Chief Supt. Parsons presented the Plan on a Page for Priority 1 – Preventing Violence. He explained the reason for the initial focus on youth violence, being the significant increase in that area, and that as violence tended to be generational, it was considered that the added attention to youth crime would be key to prevention. He commented on the work needed to understand how best to engage and support young people and also advised that he was looking to seek grant funding from the Youth Endowment Fund to support this plan.

The Board discussed the specific aspect of knife crime and was concerned that although there was significant energy and enthusiasm nationally, activities to tackle this, albeit well-intended, were uncoordinated. Members noted that consequently, organisations such as schools were overloaded with communications in this respect.

With regard to Priority 2 - On the Move and Smokefree, Mr P. Tulley advised that the emphasis at the moment was currently around staff health and wellbeing and urged other partner organisations, in themselves large employers, to do the same for their workforce if they were not already doing so. Members concurred and were keen that partner organisations should set an example.

The Chairman asked for the potential for smokefree by-laws to be considered and also commented that every education establishment should be 'signed-up' to be smokefree. Councillor Martin advised that she had recently attended the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Wellbeing Board on behalf of the Chairman which had considered a report "West Midlands On The Move". She said that the report indicated that the WMCA, Sport England and the Black Country Consortium had a grant agreement for the delivery of the Black Country place-based fund and said that she would arrange for the report to be circulated to Board members for information.

Ms. H. Sultan presented the Plan on a Page for Priority 3 – Walsall Town Centre and advised that this priority linked to the Council's Town Centre Masterplan (TCMP). She said that whilst the Masterplan was a long term strategy, the activities set out in the Plan on a Page focussed on short term 'quick wins' to support some of the ambitions in the TCMP. Ms Sultan pointed out that a Lead member was yet to be identified for this priority.

The Plan was discussed during which time a number of suggestions were made for short term activity. Members were however concerned that some of the activities identified in the Plan may conflict with the aims of the priority for example relating to car parking. The Chairman responded and agreed that there needed to be some moderation and balance and that comments would be taken on board. He noted that some members were not sighted on the TCMP and asked for a copy to be circulated to all Board members.

### **Resolved**

1. That the Plans on a Page for each of the three priorities be agreed for further development by the individual task and finish groups
2. To commit relevant staff to lead and support the task and finish groups for each priority.
3. That the Health and Wellbeing Board Lead for Priority 3 be the Director of Public Health joint lead with the Executive Director for Economy and Environment.
4. That the Health and Wellbeing Board receives final versions of Plans on a Page once task and finish groups have had the opportunity to consider them as a collective group.
5. That a copy of the Council's Town Centre Masterplan be circulated to all members of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

### **626/19 Public Health Commissioning intentions**

In attendance:        Adrian Roche, Head of Social Inclusion, Public Health

Mr Roche presented a report which informed of the Public Health Commissioning Intentions for 2019/20:

(see annexed)

Mr Roche responded to questions and points of clarification, during which time members welcomed the report which they considered would help to improve understanding and joint working; and congratulations were extended to those involved in a number of areas, in particular the work with homelessness.

In response to a question from the Chairman in relation to the support that the Health and Wellbeing Board could provide as a collective to improve to the Drug and Alcohol and Substance Misuse service, Mr Roche said that there had been productive discussions between services within the Council however, there needed to be more joint working through partners, through recognised pathways, as demonstrated by the homeless project.

### **Resolved**

That the report be noted.

## **627/19 Better Care Fund (BCF) year-end report**

In attendance: Ms C. Thompson, Better Care Fund Manager

Ms Thompson presented the year-end 2018/19 performance report for the Walsall Better Care Fund (BCF) and Improved Better Care Fund:

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Ms Thompson pointed out that the national Better Care Fund team had advised that no Quarter 1 submission was required this time. She advised that the challenges in relation to information sharing and data collection would be picked up in the 2019/20 year. She also advised that there was considerable delay in the publication of guidance and policy framework and reporting template from the national team for the current year. Members were concerned about the delay however, it was noted that representations in this respect had been made by the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS).

The Board discussed the report during which time, the Assistant Director Adult Social Care, Ms. K. Allward advised members that, in relation to the scrutiny of outcomes, the BCF was seen as an Adult Social Care (ASC) budget so would be scrutinised in the same way as any other ASC budget however, she undertook to speak to the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a view to perhaps providing a specific session for Committee members.

With regard to the Resilient Communities strand of the Walsall Together programme, members were assured that whilst the BCF was relabelling existing funding, the 2019/20 plan would reiterate previous plans to allow for innovation in resilient community funding.

The Chairman asked that Children's Services had a higher presence at the Board to bring a sharper focus to the challenges of Children and Young People. It was suggested that the governance around the Special Needs and Disabilities inspection would be something that the Board could add value to.

### **Resolved:**

1. That the report be noted
2. That the Better Care Fund Manager seek nominations from the Board to attend a small project group to develop the Better Care Fund.

## **628/19 Healthwatch Annual Report**

Mr. J. Taylor, Healthwatch Walsall presented the annual report 2018/19:

(see annexed)

Mr Taylor highlighted key areas of note in the report and thanked the volunteers who had been engaged by Healthwatch Walsall. He responded to questions and points of clarification on the report during which time he gave assurances that the organisation was stable and that this had been recognised by their commissioners who had awarded them the Healthwatch Contract for a further three years.

### **Resolved**

To note the content of the report and the alignment of the intentions with the priorities in the Walsall Plan: 'our Health and Wellbeing Strategy', and progress with some related public health outcomes.

### **629/19 Work programme**

The work programme was submitted:

(see annexed)

### **Resolved**

That the work programme be noted.

### **630/19 Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was Monday 9 September 2019.

The meeting terminated at 8.18pm

Chair:

Date: