

## **Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Monday 11 September 2017 at 6.00 p.m.**

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

**Present:** Councillor Robertson (Chair)  
Councillor P. Bott  
Councillor D. Coughlan  
Councillor A. Ditta  
Councillor James  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor Shires  
Councillor Washbrook  
Dr. B. Watt, Director of Public Health  
Ms. P. Furnival, Executive Director, Adult Social Care  
Ms. L. Poole, Assistant Director, Children's Services  
Dr. C. Lesshafft ] Clinical  
Mr. P. Tulley ] Commissioning  
Dr. A. Rischie ] Group representatives  
Mr. J. Taylor, Healthwatch Walsall  
Mr. D. Baker, West Midlands Fire Service  
Chief Supt. J. Clews, West Midlands Police  
Mr. A. Boys, One Walsall

### **433/17 Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Ms. E. Ioannides, Prof. S. Brake, Mr. M. Abel and Mr. S. Fogell.

### **434/17 Substitutions**

The Committee noted the following substitution for this meeting only:

Ms. L. Poole for Ms. E. Ioannides, Interim Director of Children's Services  
Mr. J. Taylor for Mr. S. Fogell, Healthwatch Walsall

### **435/17 Minutes**

#### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2017 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record.

### **436/17 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 437/17 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

#### 438/17 **Health in the workplace**

The presentation by Walsall Hospitals NHS Trust was deferred to the next meeting.

#### 439/17 **Walsall Plan “Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-20”**

##### (a) **Priority 1: Increase opportunities for, and take-up of, volunteering**

Mr. A. Boys, Chief Executive of One Walsall presented a report on the Volunteering Obsession workshop held on 21 July and seeking approval on how to take forward the Board’s priority for increasing volunteering:

(see annexed)

Mr Boys explained that following the workshop, One Walsall was recommending that the Obsession be revised to focus on what Health and Wellbeing Board partners could do within their own organisations to support increased voluntary action; and to differentiate this from the activity which One Walsall had been commissioned to do to support the voluntary and community sector more widely. He proposed the following restated Obsession:

*“To increase voluntary action in support of health and wellbeing in Walsall, by addressing identified barriers within Health and Wellbeing Board partners’ policies, procedures and processes”.*

Mr Boys then highlighted the key activities needed to deliver the Obsession which included adopting a shared Walsall Volunteering Policy, adopting a shared employee volunteering policy, establishing a single point of access for employees of partner agencies, implementing a common policy on social value, establishing a single repository of intelligence on local voluntary action; and delivering joint communications and promotions.

The report was discussed during which time members welcomed the sharper focus of the Obsession with clear deliverables and the focus on encouraging employees to support the voluntary sector; and that this was a good start to make sure that volunteers efforts went into areas where it is needed to address issues around deprivation. It was suggested that there was some more work to be done to map out the other effective means of volunteering such as trusts and co-operatives. Councillor D Coughlan mentioned that the Council was running a Homeless project over the Christmas period which could provide volunteering opportunities and said that she would discuss this further with Mr Boys.

Mr Boys pointed out that one of the propositions to monitor this Obsession was to establish a Task and Finish Group which would report on a six-monthly basis to the Health and Wellbeing Board. He asked for volunteers to lead this Group as it was a shared Obsession and not something which One Walsall should lead on.

### **Agreed**

1. That the revised focus of the Obsession set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report be approved
2. That the key activities in the action plan be approved
3. That the following representatives join the Task and Finish Group proposed in paragraph 3.9 of the report:

Councillor Robertson  
Mr Anderson – Walsall Police  
Mr R. Gaudon – West Midlands Fire Service  
Director of Corporate Services, Walsall CCG  
A representative from the Walsall Economic Board

and that Mr A. Boys set up the first meeting of the Group.

- (b) **Priority 3: Enable and empower individuals to improve their physical and mental health**  
**Priority 9: Develop an environment to enable healthy lifestyles**

In attendance:

Ms S. Gill, Senior Programme Development and Commissioning Manager, Lifestyles  
Mr J. Holding, Programme Development and Commissioning Manager  
Mr K. Clements, Environmental Resource Manager

Ms Gill, Mr Holding and Mr Clements presented a report which provided an update on progress towards the priorities and highlighted the key performance indicators set out on page 28 of the report.

(see annexed)

Members discussed the report and commented upon a number of matters including:

- The information could usefully be broken down to ward level which would inform work done via the localities model.
- Changes to payment systems in leisure centres which removed the ability to pay by instalments had directly impacted on those with low incomes
- Wolverhampton Council had introduced a “beat box” system of rewards for walking to school and this could be considered in Walsall.
- There may be opportunities to encourage young people at local FE college/universities to use their skills undertake volunteering. This

could include ASDAN volunteering and Duke of Edinburgh volunteers helping particularly with sports activities.

- One Walsall was working with 'Friends' of parks to support them to access capital funding and other funding opportunities.
- The numbers using the self-help tool were comparatively low across the population, how could this be improved, particularly to help with the increase in diabetes in the borough. It was important for GPs to refer patients to digital services.
- The Healthy Places steering group was looking at the statistics on the purposes of park visits
- Users of some parks were queuing to use the green gym equipment and so more provision would be welcomed in those areas. Working with young people to ensure that it was what they wanted.
- Work was being done with the Canals and Rivers Trust to develop more cycle routes between green corridors
- More could be done to use the parks for promotion of healthy lifestyles such as smoking alcohol consumption in parks.

The Chairman thanked the presenters for their work.

**Resolved:**

That the progress made towards priorities 3 and 9 be noted and that the priorities and key performance indicators be approved.

- (c) **Priority 3: Enable and empower individuals to improve their physical and mental health**  
**Priority 4: Maximise emotional wellbeing and resilience of adults**  
**Priority 5: Reduce loneliness and isolation and increase support through social networks**

The Senior Programme Development and Commissioning Manager, Ms A. Aitken presented a report in detail which updated on progress relating to priorities 3, 4 and 5:

(see annexed)

Members discussed the report, in particular around making social prescribing more visible to GPs and encouraging them to engage with this more. Members welcomed the Mental Health Awareness Training programmes and also the wider awareness of Health Visitors. It was suggested that there should be more communication between the Police and Health Visitors, especially to help with the fallout from domestic violence issues and that Health Visitors should be given more information about where to signpost people to for practical help such as the Council's Money Home Job team. The importance of speedy contact by the crisis support teams with those in need was also stressed.

**Resolved**

That the progress made towards priorities 3 4 & 5 be noted and the programmes of work and milestones be approved

(d) **Priority 11: Build a sustainable third sector, through individual and collective agreement/new Locality model.**

The Interim Executive Director Change and Governance, Mrs J. Alderson presented a report which both updated on progress on:

- the Council's Transformation Project – *Enabling a vibrant and sustainable voluntary and Community Sector* (which contributed to priority 11 of the Walsall Plan - *Build a sustainable third sector through individual and collective engagement* and;
- The locality work structure and their role in engagement

(see annexed)

Mrs Alderson pointed out that the Partnership Summit was scheduled for 11 October 2017 and that the Launch Events for the Locality model were underway.

Members discussed the structure and governance for the Strategic Locality Panels and particularly representation on those Groups. Mrs Alderson responded to questions and concerns during which time she gave advice on the intended membership and said that it would be for local representatives of partner organisations to attend to provide a local focus for both the operational groups and the locality panels. It was suggested that the difference between the strategic operational groups and the locality panels should be clarified further to ensure productive meetings. Accordingly, Mrs Alderson said that the operational panels would be tasking meetings involving specific cases and that Strategic Locality Panels would provide oversight around what was needed in localities and influencing partners' policies rather than being direct decision making bodies. With regard to Council membership of the bodies, Mrs Alderson said that this was being discussed with the Leader of the Council.

**Resolved**

1. To note the progress being made in both the Transformation Project: *Enabling vibrant and sustainable Voluntary and Community Sector* area of work and in relation to the introduction of the new Locality Model
2. That the Health and Wellbeing Board acknowledges it is assured of appropriate progress to date.

**440/17 Work programme 2017/18**

The work programme was submitted:

(see annexed)

The Chairman highlighted the reports due for the next meeting

## **Resolved**

That the work programme be noted.

### **441/17 Key promotional messages**

The Council's Media and Communications Officer, Mr R. Bolton, attended and advised the Board of the current communication messages across partner agencies:

- Flu Awareness Campaign - due imminently
- Stroke and Urgent Care Services Consultation finishing on 22 September
- Sexual Health Week 11-17 September
- Promotion of One You Walsall.com
- Walsall Rotary Club Run - 24 September
- Promotion of Healthy Heart Tool – online test
- Community Therapists promotion – highlighting work with people at home to reduce hospital admissions and help prevent readmission
- Yellow Card Week – to 8 September. Encourages patients and healthcare professionals to report side effects for new drugs
- Sexual Health Week: 11 – 17 September

### **442/17 Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was 30 October 2017.

The meeting terminated at 8.57 p.m.

Chair:

Date: