

Health and Wellbeing Board

Monday 23 July 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present:

- Councillor Longhi (Chair)
- Councillor Martin
- Councillor Robertson
- Councillor Shires
- Councillor Wilson
- Dr. B. Watt, Director of Public Health
- Ms. K. Allward, Head of Integrated Commissioning
- Ms. A. Potts, Assistant Director, Children's Services
- Dr. C. Lesshafft]
- Mr. P. Tulley] Clinical Commissioning
- Prof. S. Brake] Group representatives
- Mr. M. Abel]
- Mr. J. Taylor, Healthwatch Walsall
- Mr. B. Diamond, West Midlands Fire Service
- Mr. A. Boys, One Walsall

519/18 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor James, Councillor Rasab, Ms. P. Furnival, Ms. S. Rowe, Dr. A. Rischie and Chief Supt. A. Parsons

520/18 Substitutions

The Board noted the following substitution for this meeting only:

Ms. K. Allward for Ms. P. Furnival, Executive Director, Adult Services
Ms. A. Potts for Ms. S. Rowe, Executive Director, Children's Services

521/18 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2018 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record,

522/18 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

523/18 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

524/18 **Air quality “Shaping a sustainable environment programme”**

Dr. B. Watt, Director of Public Health introduced a report informing the Board of how Walsall Council, with its partners, was further supporting improvements to air quality through the “Shaping a sustainable health environment programme” to improve air quality in Walsall:

(see annexed)

The following persons attended, presented the report in detail and gave a presentation (annexed) which showed how the Council promoted Bike week and how it intended to support future years, including the use of a new bike share scheme.

Emma Thomas, Public Health Intelligence - Manager
Claire Heath, Public Health Intelligence – Senior Analyst
Tim Philpott, Professional Lead Transport Strategy
Joe Holding Public Health programme development and commissioning manager

The matter was discussed at length, during which time members stressed the importance of improving air quality in Walsall. Comments and suggestions included:

- Linking to the wider work being done in the region such as the West Midlands Combined Authority which was looking at the wider agenda and had plans around transport, housing etc and which would have implications for air quality. The West Midlands Mayor was looking at introducing an Air Quality Zone.
- Improving air quality should inform planning policies. Suggest report to Planning Committee on eco-friendly planning. Tree planting to reduce pollution.
- Thinking more clearly about how partners do business for example video conferencing rather than travelling to meetings.
- Having regard to this priority when commissioning/recommissioning services and how this is done in a more sustainable way.
- Promoting this priority through the voluntary sector
- The CCG and NHS were looking at a range of initiative supporting staff starting with provision of electric charging points. Some businesses charge for the electricity – encourage free use for staff.

- Health and Social Care locality models will reduce travel by delivering care on a zoned footprint.
- The M6 was a big polluter in the borough. New trucks and lorries had emission limits. Perhaps looking at a toll for older ones – possible Local Emission Zone.
- Public consultation was open at the moment on a review of taxi licensing conditions one of which was to reduce the age of vehicles.
- Include information on air pollution as part of cycle to work/school initiatives.
- Should all future homes come with electric charging points? Local Authorities could adopt this in the Local Development Plan without the need for primary legislation.
- Looking at how to reduce static queues behind slow moving service vehicles such as bin wagons – perhaps by phasing
- Looking at ‘big ticket’ items eg. possibility of school buses for popular routes.
- There was data on public transport use but not data on cycle usage.

Members posed questions about how to measure the benefits of the above, i.e. how many miles had to be travelled to have a noticeable impact on the air quality in the area and also asked whether there were sufficient resources in place to do deliver on these suggestions.

The Chairman supported the report and said that this discussion was relevant to a discussion planned later on the agenda in relation to the Boards priorities. He said that whilst priorities would have a natural home for data and monitoring, all Board priorities should be owned by every member and he was keen for there to be an action plan in order to focus on ‘bitesize’ actions that could be delivered upon.

It was noted that the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee had identified air quality as a priority and would feedback on its work to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Chairman and Board members thanked the team for the work they were doing on this agenda.

Resolved

- (1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board acknowledges and supports the current work underway by the “Shaping a sustainable healthy environment programme” to improve air quality in Walsall.
- (2) That Health and Wellbeing Board partners consider what their organisations can do to support this agenda.

525/18 Walsall Joint Strategic Needs Assessment planning

In attendance: Emma Thomas, Public Health Intelligence Manager

Ms Thomas presented a report on the process for Walsall's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA):

(see annexed)

The Chairman said that this report had been submitted at his request to inform the process of setting priorities of the Board and how to deliver on them. The report was discussed during which time it was noted that the data was as up to date as far as possible although because of the nature of some of the data, being from national systems, it was not as current as it ideally needed to be to inform commissioning intentions. Ms Thomas referred to the new Public Health Insight pages of the Councils website which provided the most up to date data. Other comments were made on the text of the JSNA summary, particularly that percentages should be identified as numbers of people.

The Chairman thanked Ms Tomas and her team for their work and asked for a refresh of the JSNA as soon as possible.

Resolved

That the Health and Wellbeing Board approve plans for Walsall Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and that this should be done as soon as possible.

526/18 Better Care Fund (BCF) 2018/19 Quarter 1

Ms. K. Allward, Head of Integrated Commissioning presented the combined Better Care Fund and improved Better Fund Quarter 1 performance report for the period 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2019:

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Ms Allward confirmed that, as the Q1 report had had to be submitted to the Better Care Exchange by 20 July, before this meeting, Board members had been sent a copy of the report in advance, requesting comments before 19 July to incorporate into the submission. The Chairman and members commended the work done by Ms Allward and commented on the new simplified report format which they had found helpful.

The Chairman advised members that the submission dates for BCF reports did not align with the current schedule of dates for the Health and Wellbeing Board and so in order to ensure that the reports were fully debated at Board meetings, the schedule of dates for Board meetings would need to be rearranged. Members agreed.

Resolved

- (1) That the combined Better Care Fund and improved Better Care Fund quarterly return be received and noted.
- (2) That the dates for future Health and Wellbeing Board meetings be rescheduled to align with submission dates for the Better Care Fund reports.

527/18 Healthwatch Walsall Annual Report 2017/18

In attendance: Mr P. Higgitt, Manager Healthwatch Walsall.

Mr. J. Taylor, the Chair of Healthwatch Walsall and Mr Higgitt presented the Annual Report for 2017/18:

(see annexed)

Members discussed the report and Mr Taylor and Mr Higgitt responded to questions during which time members thanked Mr Taylor and his team for their work, scrutinising and holding to account effectively.

The Chairman referred to recommendation 2.3 of the report relating to future contractual arrangements with Walsall Council and considered that this was not in the remit of the Board.

Resolved

- (1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes and welcomes the report.
- (2) That the monitoring of progress on the implementation of Healthwatch report recommendations with local providers be discharged through membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- (3) That Partners and senior Council directors on the Board consider the positive relationship with Healthwatch Walsall, and its three areas of focus and liaise directly with Mr J. Taylor to look at potential areas of collaboration.

528/18 Health and Wellbeing Board Priority 1 and obsession update

Mr. A. Boys, Chief Executive, One Walsall presented the report:

(see annexed)

Councillor Shires referred to paragraph 3.3 of the report, which asked Board members to promote opportunities for volunteering, and suggested that this should be presented to the next round of Locality Boards.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

529/18 Walsall Multi-Agency Suicide Prevention Strategy 2018-2023

In attendance: Ms A. Aitken, Senior Programme Development Manager
Dr. Claire Heath, Senior Public Health Intelligence Officer

Ms. Aitken and Dr. Heath presented the draft Walsall Multi-Agency Suicide Prevention Strategy:

(see annexed)

A lengthy discussion took place and Ms Aitken and Dr Heath responded to a number of questions and points of clarification, during which time it was noted that the governance arrangements for this strategy i.e. monitoring the outcomes, was the responsibility of the Public Health team and the Health and Wellbeing Board. Councillor Wilson mentioned that the Children and Young Peoples Board, referred to in the report, may not continue to meet in the future. With regard to the actions in the strategy, Ms Aitken said that she would ensure that the plan included times where actions could be reviewed and adjusted to accommodate changes to trends over the five year plan.

Resolved

- (1) To agree the Walsall Multi-Agency Suicide Prevention Strategy 2018-2023
- (2) That, subject to their agreement, Dr. A. Rischie and Ms. P. Furnival be nominated from the Health and Wellbeing Board as Mental Health Champions.

530/18 West Midlands Police Intervention and Prevention activities

The report was deferred.

531/18 Health and Economy Sub-Group

In attendance: Zoey West – External Programmes Manager

Ms West presented the report confirming the Health and Wellbeing Board representative responsibilities in relation to the Health and Economy Board, a sub group of the Walsall Economic Board:

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Ms West explained the project ideas relating to health and wellbeing which the Group hoped to progress, including Healthy Workplaces and Mental Health First Aiders and rethinking how parkland could be used. The Chairman asked that the projects align with the Boards priorities and focussed on an outcome.

Resolved

- (1) That Councillor R. Martin, Mr. A. Boys and Mr. P. Tulley be confirmed as representatives on the Health and Economy Board.
- (2) That reporting arrangements from the Walsall Economic Board be confirmed, to keep the Health and Wellbeing Board up to date with planning and achievements of the group.

532/18 Health and Wellbeing Board – self-reflection, priorities and membership

The Chairman, Councillor Longhi, presented the report providing a summary of the feedback from Board members in response to a number of questions looking at the work of the Board, its aims, achievements and areas to improve:

(see annexed)

The Chairman reminded everyone that the Board had agreed to look at streamlining its priorities to focus on a core few which could be delivered upon. He stressed however that this did not mean that other priorities were less important but that there were activities that could be delivered upon more quickly. With regard to membership, the Chairman said that now more than before, services had to be delivered in an integrated way and therefore he was keen to enable other key partners to join the Board to add value to the Board's deliberations. In doing this he said that he was mindful that the Board should be of a size that enabled the board to function effectively and therefore he would be reviewing the wider membership with a view to reducing the Elected Member and CCG membership to balance representation.

Members discussed the proposal in relation to refreshed priorities and all agreed that the priorities should be streamlined.

A lengthy debate took place in relation to membership of the Board. Members supported the addition of other key provider partners as recommended, however there was some concern in relation to potential conflicts of interest. Notwithstanding this, it was recognised that existing members also had potential conflicts of interest and this had not caused an issue to date. In addition, members noted that was a process for declaring interests as appropriate. Other suggestions were made to add to the membership in the future such as Universities, GP commissioning, primary care commissioning committee and Walsall Together Board.

Members then commented on the balance of the Board, particularly in relation to the Elected Member and CCG representation. Some members considered that the number of representatives should be reduced, others stressed the importance of the local knowledge and the voice of residents of the borough that Councillors brought to the Board. The Chairman advised that whilst adding members to the Board was a decision for the Board itself, any other changes to its membership had to be decided at a meeting of the full Council. Accordingly, he would be making recommendations to the 17 September meeting. Mr S. Brake said that he would look at the CCG representation.

Resolved

- (1) That a further report be submitted to the next meeting on 10 September which proposes a more pragmatic approach to carrying out the Boards responsibility for priorities in the Walsall Plan: Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- (2) That the Board approves a change to its composition to enable one voting place to be allocated to a representative of:
 - Walsall Hospital NHS Trust
 - Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Trust
 - The Housing sector (via the Walsall Housing Partnership and Walsall Housing Board)

533/18 Work programme 2018/19

The work programme was submitted:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the work programme be noted.

534/18 Key promotional messages

Cycle to Work day

The meeting terminated at 8.50 p.m.

Chair:

Date: