

## Health and Wellbeing Board

**Monday 3 December 2018 at 6.00 p.m.**

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

**Present:**

- Councillor Longhi (Chair)
- Councillor Martin
- Councillor Rasab
- Councillor Robertson
- Councillor Shires
- Councillor Wilson
- Councillor Worrall
- Ms. S. Rowe, Executive Director Children's Services
- Ms. K. Allward, Head of Integrated Commissioning
- Ms. H. Sultan, Consultant in Public Health
- Mr. M. Abel ] Clinical
- Prof. S. Brake ] Commissioning Group
- Mr. P. Tulley ] representatives
- Mr. J. Taylor, Healthwatch Walsall
- Mr. B. Diamond, West Midlands Fire Service
- Mr. A. Boys, One Walsall
- Mr. R. Beeken, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust
- Ms. M. Foster, Dudley & Walsall Mental Health Partnership
- Ms. F. Shanahan, Walsall Housing Partnership/Walsall Housing Board
- Mr. M. Axcell, Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership

### 560/18 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor James, Ms. P. Furnival, Dr. B Watt, Dr. A. Rischie, Chief Supt. A. Parsons and Mr. J. Driffill.

### 561/18 Substitutions

The Board noted the following substitutions for this meeting only:

- Councillor Worrall for Councillor James
- Ms. K. Allward for Ms. P. Furnival, Executive Director Adult Social Care
- Ms. H. Sultan for Dr. B. Watt, Director of Public Health
- Ms. F. Shanahai for Mr. J. Driffill, Walsall Housing Partnership/  
Walsall Housing Board

## 562/18 Minutes

### Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2018 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record.

## 563/18 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 564/18 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

## 565/18 Refresh of “The Walsall Plan”: Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020

Ms. H. Sultan, Consultant in Public Health presented a report setting out proposals to refresh the Walsall Plan with the aim to agree a smaller number of more focused priorities:

(see annexed)

Presentation slides were circulated which updated on current thinking following the Health and Wellbeing Board workshop on 21 November and which included offers from partners for each priority that they could commit to.

(see annexed)

Ms Sultan confirmed that the proposal was to move to just three priorities i.e. Reducing violence; Walsall on the move → Wellbeing in Walsall; and Development of Walsall Town Centre. She referred to the commitments offered by partners at the workshop and advised that these were initial ideas which would be the subject of further discussion at the next workshop to be held on 22 January 2019. The Chairman reiterated the need to ensure that the priorities and commitments were deliverable and that all partners had considered their own organisation’s governance arrangements.

There was general support for the proposed priorities and outline commitments however, there was a concern regarding the need to make timeframes clear and to identify what was being measured within that timeframe to ensure that they were pragmatic and realistic. It was felt that the commitments should identify ‘quick hits’ and those which gather momentum into longer term aspirations.

With regard to public consultation, Ms Sultan explained that it was more about understanding what engagement had already taken place with residents and using that intelligence, together with the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, to inform the priorities rather than undertaking a large scale consultation exercise.

Professor Brake commented on the importance of shared accountability and clear communications to help the public to understand that these measures were in place to help them to help themselves, for example prohibiting smoking on the hospital site.

The priority around the Town Centre was discussed in more detail in order to understand the aim. It was suggested that the aim was to improve the environment to promote healthy behaviour. In response to questions around influencing planning and licensing decisions, Councillor Wilson reminded the board of the work being done by Public Health, planning and licensing colleagues to ensure that there was a mechanism for Public Health to comment on applications in order to inform those decisions.

### **Resolved**

- (1) To approve the emerging plans for developing a refresh of the Walsall Plan to be in place by February 2019, including the three proposed priorities; and that:
  - (a) The priorities be accompanied by positive descriptors
  - (b) The framework to measure delivery of the priorities be developed further
  - (c) The Walsall Outcomes Framework be considered
  - (d) The timeframe to be realistic
- (2) That each partner consider within their organisation what their commitments are to delivering the priorities, for further consideration at the 22 January workshop.

### **566/18 Air Quality/Sustainable travel**

A report was submitted which informed of actions taken by partner organisations to contribute to improving air quality in the borough:

(see annexed)

The Chairman was concerned that whilst all members of the Board had agreed that improving Air Quality was a key area of focus, not all partner organisations had provided responses to inform this report. He asked those who had not responded to do so.

Ms H. Sultan highlighted the key issues in appendix 1 to the report relating to Public Health service activity and pointed out that poor air quality was the fourth biggest risk to health behind cancer, obesity and cardiovascular disease.

The Board discussed the report and a number of suggestions were made to support this agenda, including looking at the potential for discounted taxi licensing fees for hybrid vehicles, increasing the pace and scale of cycleway provision, and looking for congestion hotspots.

Professor Brake said that there was a range of steps, as an employer, that organisations could decide to do on a practical level to motivate change, for example providing shower facilities, incentivising through mileage allowances, providing more resources for virtual meetings to reduce travel etc. On a wider point, he suggested that more could be done as commissioners to build measures into contracts to encourage more environmentally friendly behaviours.

With regard to questions about the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board and clarity on what it was intending to achieve, the Chairman reiterated that the Board had agreed as a collective that this agenda was a priority and added that the Boards actions and deliberations would provide the knowledge to better inform any future strategies.

### **Resolved**

That the report be noted.

### **567/18 Thematic Updates**

- (a) **Remove unwarranted variation in health care and ensure access to services with consistent quality – Priority 7**
- (b) **Enable those at risk of poor health to access appropriate health and care with informed choice – Priority 8**
- (c) **Deliver prevention and intervention through health and care locality delivery models – Priority 12**

Mr. P. Tulley, Clinical Commissioning Group, presented a report which provided an update on progress.

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Mr Tulley reported that Walsall was the third highest for prevalence of diabetes nationally and explained the intervention programmes being implemented for those identified as at risk.

With regard to the review of respiratory services, Mr Tulley responded to concerns that the improvements were not likely to be achieved quickly, and said that he recognised the challenges, particularly the constraints around staff

resources however, more work was being done through the community locality teams to mitigate this.

**Resolved**

That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the progress made towards these priorities.

(d) **Transformation project that contributes to Priority 11 of the Walsall Plan and Locality Model**

Mr. P. Gordon, Head of Business Change presented a progress report:

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Mr Gordon gave background to the state of the voluntary sector in Walsall and said that the original umbrella voluntary sector organisation had for some time been in crisis however, with help from partner organisations, a new fit for purpose organisation had been established in its place, "One Walsall", which was growing and improving. He gave examples of how recent work with the voluntary and community sector had resulted in significant benefits to the community and how this could be built upon each year to increase independence. He also highlighted the ability of the voluntary and community sector to deliver services previously delivered by the Council and its partners.

The Chairman commended the work being done to further this agenda. Board members concurred and conveyed their thanks to Mr Gordon and all involved.

**Resolved**

That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the progress and future proposals.

**568/18 Walsall Together**

The item was withdrawn

**569/18 Work programme**

The work programme was submitted and items for the next agenda were highlighted.

(see annexed)

It was noted that the next Development Session would be held on 22 January 2019.

**Resolved**

That the work programme be noted.

**570/18 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 22 January 2018 at 6 p.m.

The meeting terminated at 7.50 p.m.

Chair:

Date: