

Health and Wellbeing Board

Monday 11 June 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present: Councillor Longhi (Chair)
Councillor Barker
Councillor James
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasab
Councillor Robertson
Councillor Wilson
Ms. P. Furnival, Executive Director Adult Services
Ms. S. Rowe, Executive Director, Children's Services
Dr. B. Watt, Director of Public Health
Dr. C. Lesshafft]
Mr. P. Tulley] Clinical Commissioning
Prof. S. Brake] Group representatives
Mr. J. Taylor, Healthwatch Walsall
Mr. B. Diamond, West Midlands Fire Service
Chief Supt. A. Parsons, West Midlands Police
Mr. A. Boys, One Walsall

507/18 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor Shires, Dr. A. Rischie and Mr. M. Abel

508/18 Appointment of Vice-Chair

Resolved

That Dr. A. Rischie be appointed Vice-Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board for the municipal year 2018/19.

509/18 Substitutions

The Board noted the following substitution for this meeting only:

Councillor Barker for Councillor Shires

510/18 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2018 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record,

511/18 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

512/18 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

513/18 Economy and Health Group

Dr. B. Watt, Director of Public Health presented the report asking the Board to consider nominating members to sit on the group:

(see annexed)

The Chairman was concerned at the length of time it had taken to ask for a nomination to the group bearing in mind the decision to form this group had been in September last year. He asked for expressions of interest from the Board but suggested that before formally nominated to the Group, the report author should be asked to check whether or not this remains the right mechanism.

The following members expressed an interest:

Councillor R. Martin
Mr P. Tulley, Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group
Alex Boys, One Walsall.

Resolved

That a further report be submitted to the next meeting which confirmed or otherwise that this was the correct approach. The report to include more information about the remit of the group and commitment required from members.

514/18 Better are Fund – Quarter 4

In attendance: Ms. K. Allward, Head of Integrated Commissioning

Ms. Allward presented the Better Care Fund and improved Better Care Fund Quarter 4 performance for the period 1 January to 31 March 2018:

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Ms Allward confirmed that the BCF reporting template was nationally prescribed however, she would be looking at whether there was a better way of presenting this to the Board members.

She highlighted areas of note and advised that although the fund looked to be underspent, all funding had in fact been allocated.

The Board discussed the report and Ms Allward responded to questions and points of clarification during which time she said that in relation to the position with the number of care homes which had been rated as inadequate or requiring improvement, there were multiple streams of work to improve quality and that a final report and recommendations was imminent. Ms Allward explained the background to the Joint Commissioning unit and why it had been disestablished. It was noted that this had allowed a different way of working which involved place based and joint commissioning and so it was widely regarded as a good move. Prof. Brake concurred with these views. He said that the JCU had been a construct for different times and effort could now be focussed on the Walsall Together endeavour.

With regard to future reporting, Ms Allward said that unfortunately, the BCF submission timetable did not correspond with the Health and Wellbeing Board dates and therefore it was likely that special meetings of the Board would be needed to approve the report before submission.

Ms. Allward reported that a Better Care Fund manager had now been appointed and would be reporting to the Board. Prof. Brake commended Ms Allward for her work on behalf of the health and social care economy across the borough which he said was a significant task

Resolved

That the Better Care Fund and improved Better Care Fund quarterly return be noted.

515/18 Adult Social Care Outline commissioning intentions 2018/19

Ms. P. Furnival, Executive Director, Adult Social Care presented the Adult Social Care Directorate Plan and Commissioning Intentions 2018/19:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the Board notes the content of the document attached at Appendix 1 and confirms the alignment with the Health and Wellbeing Board priorities.

516/18 Mental health and suicide prevention strategy

In attendance: Angela Aitken, Senior programme development manager.
Claire Heath, Senior Analyst, Public Health Intelligence
Marcus Law, Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group

A report which presented the draft strategy 2020-2023 was submitted

(see annexed)

It was noted that the strategy had not been circulated with the report in advance of the meeting. A copy was tabled. In the circumstances, the Chairman asked the presenters to provide highlights and then the item would be deferred to enable the Board to consider it more properly at the next meeting. The Board agreed and the report was presented.

The Board discussed the report and asked a number of questions and points of clarification to be addressed, particularly in respect of the reason for numbers attending A&E, where schools may be involved and about training. Mr Tulley commented that there a number of individual broadly framed actions and asked what would the small number of interventions be which would make the most difference.

Resolved

That further consideration of the strategy be deferred to the next meeting. In the meantime, comments from Board members should be directed to Ms Aitken.

517/18 Work programme 2018/19

The work programme was submitted:

(see annexed)

Board members were concerned at the number of reports scheduled for meetings, particularly reports on priorities. This led to a discussion about the number of priorities that the Health and Wellbeing board was responsible for. During the discussion, the Chairman said that it would be an opportune time to undertake an element of self-reflection and he would be e-mail all Board members with some questions to aid this. The questions would also include a request for views on the Board's priorities.

Mr P. Tulley mentioned that the Clinical Commissioning Group was developing a Commissioning Outcomes framework which needed to be submitted to the Board at the next Development session.

Resolved

That the work programme be noted.

518/18 **Key promotional messages**

The Chairman considered that communications were important but recognised that it was not sustainable to expect the Council's communications team to continue to chase the information from other organisations. He suggested that a joint communications piece could be produced which promoted the work of the Board.

The meeting terminated at 7.30 p.m.

Chair:

Date: