

Health and Wellbeing Board

Monday 9 September 2019 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present: Councillor Longhi (Chair)
Councillor Martin
Councillor Robertson
Ms. J. Knapper, Group Manager, Adult Social Care
Ms. S. Kelly, Assistant Director, Access and Achievement
Mr. S. Gunther, Director of Public Health
Dr. A. Rischie] Clinical
Ms. S. Shingler] Commissioning Group
Mr. P. Tulley,] representatives
Mr. J. Taylor, Healthwatch Walsall
Chief Supt. A. Parsons, West Midlands Police
Mr. A. Boys, One Walsall
Ms. F. Shanahan, Walsall Housing Partnership/Walsall Housing Board

630/19 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Ms. P. Furnival, Ms. S. Rowe and Mr. M. Axcell.

631/19 Substitutions

The Board noted the following substitutions for this meeting only:

- Ms. J. Knapper for Ms. P. Furnival, Executive Director, Adult Social Care
- Ms. S. Kelly for Ms. S. Rowe, Executive Director, Children's Services

632/19 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2019 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record.

633/19 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

634/19 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

635/19 Health and Wellbeing Board – change of membership

A report proposing a change to the membership of the Board to include representation from Walsall College was submitted:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the composition of the Health and Wellbeing Board be amended to enable a voting place to be allocated to a representative of Walsall College with effect from the next meeting on 15 October 2019.

636/19 The Walsall Plan: Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2021 - update

In attendance: Mrs H. Sultan, Consultant in Public Health

Ms. Sultan presented a report on progress made on the Walsall Plan: Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

(see annexed)

The Chairman pointed out that there were inconsistent descriptions of the priorities throughout a number of reports on the agenda and at previous meetings. He was concerned that this may lead to a lack of coherent focus on the individual priorities and accordingly he asked for confirmation of the descriptions set out in the most recent refresh of the Walsall Plan.

The descriptions were checked and it was confirmed that the descriptions which were supported by the Health and Wellbeing Board in January 2019 and subsequently approved by the Council's Cabinet, the full Council and partner governing bodies were as follows:

- Prevention of violence
- Getting Walsall on the move
- Improving the environment of Walsall town centre

The Chairman asked Board members if they agreed that these descriptions should be those which were consistently used. Board members were content to do so. The Chairman also stressed that these priorities should be 'owned' in equal weight and measure by all partners on the Board irrespective of who was leading.

With regard to the third priority, there was some concern that this appeared to be subsumed into the delivery of the Town Centre Masterplan. The Board's view was that there were other activities which could be actioned to provide momentum to the priority which would not necessarily fall within the masterplan.

The Chairman advised that he had received an e-mail from Mr Axcell, Chief Executive, Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Trust which referred to priority three relating to Walsall Town Centre and which confirmed that a commitment had been made by the Trust to identify a representative when more detail on the plan was available.

During further discussion, Board members suggested that clarity was needed as to when actions on priorities would be reviewed/refreshed to ensure that they were current and also about how the Board held itself to account. In addition it was suggested that the contact details of the priority leads be shared to enable interaction between partners between meetings.

Resolved

- (1) That the descriptions of the three priority areas in the Walsall Plan “Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy” be confirmed as those which were approved in February 2019 by the Council and its partners’ governing bodies i.e.
 - Prevention of Violence
 - Getting Walsall on the Move
 - Improving the environment of Walsall town Centre
- (2) That the plans for delivery, leadership and resource currently committed from each partner to deliver on all three priority areas be noted.
- (3) That progress made on each of the three priority areas and intended action be noted.
- (4) That the reporting document for recording progress against delivery of the Walsall Plan, be agreed, starting with Priority 1 in November 2019.
- (5) That the timetable be agreed for a new Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS) for Walsall (2021) in line with other Walsall plans.

637/19 West Midlands Police Intervention and Prevention activities

Chief Superintendent A. Parsons, West Midlands Police presented the report highlighting activities undertaken in support of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the activity undertaken by West Midlands Police in support of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for noted.

638/19 **Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Local Area Improvement Programme**

Ms. S. Kelly, Assistant Director, Access and Achievement presented the report on how well the local area identifies, meets the needs and improves outcomes for children and young people (0-25) with SEND:

(see annexed)

Members discussed the report and Ms Kelly responded to a number of questions and points of clarification during which time she advised that there had been good feedback from the Department of Education and was confident that there would be a positive outcome. She also confirmed that the Written Statement of Action would be 'revisited' within 18 months with monitoring on nine areas of improvement. Ms Kelly clarified accountabilities as follows:

- The Accountable Body for delivery of the Written Statement of Action is the SEND Improvement Board
- The Health and Wellbeing Board holds the Improvement Board to account to oversee progress and delivery of the actions.
- The Improvement Board will also be held to account by the Department for Education
- The Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee will look at the impact of the Actions i.e. overseeing outcomes.

Ms Shingler, Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group, advised that the CCG also has a statutory responsibility and therefore NHS England would be a member of the Improvement Board to hold the CCG to account. Six-monthly updates would be submitted to the CCG Governing Body

During further discussion, the following comments were made:

- There had been genuine engagement with parents and that parents were positive however, it was important that improvements were sustained and not just for DfE approval.
- There had been good interaction with schools particularly about joint responsibility with parents.
- Workforce and resources requirements would be looked at as part of the risk management activity and would include identifying existing support for example via the locality model, the local offer bringing specialist resources, closer working with school Senco officers and looking at the current funding review in relation to schools Higher Needs funding.
- The Action Plan must ensure and identify outcomes.
- It would be useful to look at what is in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for this cohort against which the plans were being developed.
- One Walsall offered to work with Ms Kelly in terms of co-production and engagement through the links to the Resilient Communities work

The Chairman concluded the debate by commenting on the need to be mindful of this work in future commissioning activity. He thanked Ms Kelly for the report and it was:

Resolved

1. That the Health and Wellbeing Board agrees to be the overarching partnership body to which the SEND improvement Board is accountable and accordingly agrees to oversee the progress against the Written Statement of Action.
2. That progress reports be submitted every three months.

639/19 Walsall Together

A briefing note from the Chief Executive of the Walsall Healthcare Trust was submitted:

(see annexed)

A short discussion took place on the content of the briefing during which time the Board commended the work in general but commented that more needed to be done across Walsall as a whole.

Mr P. Tully, in the absence of Mr Beeken, responded to member's concerns in relation to the risk identified around Estates, which members considered showed insufficient mitigation measures. He explained the governance and accountability arrangements and provided assurances in this respect.

Members raised the following further questions:

- How does the WT programme contribute to the three priorities in the "Walsall Plan: our Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy"?
- What are the links to the development of the STPs first draft response to the long term plan?
- What are the timescales associated with Walsall Together– i.e. what can the public expect and when, when will it look and feel different for them?

The Board recognised that Walsall Together was moving at pace and therefore asked for quarterly updates to be submitted.

At this point, The Chairman suggested that it would be appropriate for further consideration of this matter to be deferred to the next meeting when Mr Beeken was in attendance. It was noted that the Clinical Commissioning Group would be submitting a report on the Long Term Plan to the next meeting and therefore it would be timely for this report to be discussed at the same meeting. Accordingly it was:

Resolved

That further consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting.

640/19 Better Care Fund 2019/20 Plan

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

Ms Thompson presented the Walsall Better Care Fund Plan 2019/20 for submission to the National Better Care Fund Team:

(see annexed)

Ms Thompson responded to points of clarification during which time she explained the governance process for the scrutiny of the spend which included internal and external auditing arrangements and performance reports to the Joint Commissioning committee and to the Council.

Resolved

- (1) That the Better Care Fund Plan 2019/20 be approved
- (2) That the Health and Wellbeing delegates authority to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Accountable Officer for Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health and the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care to make minor amendments to the plan before the submission date to the BCF national team.

641/19 Work programme

The work programme was submitted:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the work programme be noted.

642/19 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was Tuesday 15 October 2019.

The meeting terminated at 7.40 p.m.

Chair:

Date: