

## **Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Wednesday 17 April 2019 at 6.00 p.m.**

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

**Present:** Councillor Longhi (Chair)  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor Robertson  
Councillor Wilson  
Ms. P. Furnival, Executive Director, Adult Social care  
Mrs. S. Rowe, Executive Director Children's Services  
Dr. B. Watt, Director of Public Health  
Prof. S. Brake ] Clinical Commissioning  
Mr. P. Tulley ] Group representatives  
Mr. P. Higgitt, Healthwatch Walsall  
Ms. S. Taylor, One Walsall

### **597/19 Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Dr. A. Rischie, Mr. J. Taylor, Ms. J. Malone, Mr. A. Boys, Mr. R. Beeken and Mr. M Axcell.

### **598/19 Director of Public Health**

Councillor Longhi took the opportunity to thank Board members for their contributions to the Health and Wellbeing Board over the past year and for their forbearance with changes he had made over that time. He advised members that this would be the last meeting attended by Dr Barbara Watt before she left the authority. Councillor Longhi and Board members commended her work to support the Board to improve the lives of the people of Walsall. Members wished her well for the future.

### **599/19 Substitutions**

The Board noted the following substitution for this meeting only:

Mr. P. Higgitt for Mr. J. Taylor, Healthwatch Walsall  
Ms. S. Taylor for Mr. A. Boys, One Walsall

### **600/19 Minutes**

#### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2019 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record.

## **601/19 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

## **602/19 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

## **603/19 The Walsall Plan: Our health and wellbeing strategy – update**

In attendance: Hamira Sultan, Consultant in Public Health  
Nicola Morris, Public Health Programme Development and  
Commissioning Manager

The Director of Public Health, Dr B. Watt introduced the report which set out the commitments made for 2019-2021 and closing down the priorities of the initial Walsall Plan 2017 to 2020:

(see annexed)

Ms. Sultan presented the report in detail, highlighting the key achievements since 2017. She confirmed that whilst the previous priorities were being replaced, they still remained important topics and would be incorporated into “business as usual”. She outlined the commitments made in relation to the three new priorities, pointing out that some partner organisations were yet to submit their commitments.

The Chairman expressed his disappointment that the commitments had not been finalised, particularly as the number of priorities had reduced. He also sought assurance from each member that the new Walsall Plan, being the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, had been taken through each partner’s respective governance processes and asked that if not, this should be done without delay.

During the ensuing discussion, each Board member either reflected on their organisations’ commitments or if they had not yet provided commitments, gave assurances in this respect. Of those provided, some members were of the view that they were good in part but did not, in general, add sufficient value and were not ambitious enough. It was suggested that the commitments should be wider than ‘business as usual’ although it was recognised that this was challenging for some organisations. It was also noted that some impacted upon others which needed to be worked through.

In response to comments made in relation to the priority focus on improving the environment of the town centre rather than the borough as a whole, the Chair explained that as there was insufficient resource to cover the whole of the borough, the priority at this time would be to focus on the town centre first and then to extrapolate the learning to district centres. He pointed out that the other Walsall Plan priorities were more general and borough wide.

Members were content with the proposed method of monitoring.

The Board acknowledged that further discussion was needed in relation to the commitments in the Plan and it was suggested that this should be the subject of the next Development Session.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the achievements to date arising from the priorities in the Walsall Plan 2017-20 be acknowledged; and that the priorities be closed down.
- (2) That for the Walsall Plan 2019 – 2021:
  - (a) All board members to ensure that the Plan has been taken through their governance structures.
  - (b) The proposed monitoring format as set out in appendix III of the report be agreed.
  - (c) Board members review and submit their commitments.
  - (d) The commitments be further discussed at the next Health and Wellbeing Board Development Session – to be arranged.

### **604/19 One Walsall - update**

Ms. S. Taylor, One Walsall presented the report highlighting the work of One Walsall and the voluntary and community sector in contributing to the priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board during 2018/19:

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Ms. Taylor pointed out that with regard to the social prescribing programme, paragraph 3.4 of the report, Walsall had embedded four Community Link Officers and not three as indicated. Ms. Taylor responded to questions, during which time she reported that the community link officer initiative was a 12 month pilot of 2 funded posts with another two covering two localities in the North and West which were the most well established areas, and that they had been very well received. Ms. Taylor and Mr Tully, Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group, confirmed that the evidence from this pilot would be used to inform any future expansion of the programme. It was noted that the funding for the link officers was via a combination of the Council's Adult Social Care and Public Health services and Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group.

Ms. Taylor highlighted the need for support with capacity building and for professional volunteers with experiences of managing organisations. She encouraged partners to look at the volunteering opportunities they could provide for employees within their service. Members generally expressed an interest and willingness to consider this further within their organisations.

### **Resolved**

That the report be noted.

#### 605/19 **West Midlands Fire Service – annual report**

In the absence of Ms. J. Malone the report was deferred.

#### 606/19 **Better Care Fund – Quarter 4**

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

Ms Thompson presented a report which gave the Quarter 4 performance regarding the Walsall Better Care Fund and Improved Better Care Fund:

(see annexed)

Ms Thompson highlighted key aspects of the submission as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report and pointed out that the draft pre-audit position across the overall BCF programme showed a net underspend which would be spent in 2019/20 in accordance with the three year spending plan.

The position was discussed and it was:

#### **Resolved**

That the Better Care Fund Quarter 4 return be approved for submission to NHS England (National Better Care Fund support Team).

#### 607/19 **Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group commissioning and spending plans 2019/20**

Mr. P. Tulley, Clinical Commissioning Group presented the report updating on the Clinical Commissioning Group's commissioning and spending plans for 2019/20:

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Mr Tulley confirmed that the operational plan made specific reference to the Walsall Plan priorities and that the draft operating plan would be received by the Walsall CCG Commissioning Committee on 18 April 2019 for approval. He also pointed out that the plan restated that the Walsall Together approach was the overarching theme.

The Chairman welcomed the report which was discussed. It was noted that consultation in relation to the Black Country Transforming Care programme was ongoing, and would be so for several months, although there was a discrete part of that consultation which had been delayed.

#### **Resolved**

That the report be noted.

### **608/19 Work programme**

The work programme was submitted:

(see annexed)

### **Resolved**

That the work programme be noted.

### **609/19 Date of next meeting**

The Chairman reported that the meeting timetable for the ensuing Municipal Year would be approved by Council at its annual meeting on 22 May 2019. He advised that the draft timetable indicated that the first Health and Wellbeing Board meeting was likely to be held mid-June.

The meeting terminated at 7.50 p.m.

Chair:

Date: