



Meeting: Wellbeing Board

Subject: Minutes

Date: Friday 24 February 2017 at 2.00pm

Present:

Councillor Pete Lowe (Chair)	Wellbeing Portfolio for WMCA
Councillor Les Caborn	Warwickshire County Council
Councillor Paulette Hamilton	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Rachel Harris	Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Barry Longden	Nuneaton and Bedworth Council
Councillor Ken Meeson	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Ian Robertson	Walsall Metropolitan Council Council
Councillor Paul Sweet	City of Wolverhampton Council
Lola Abudu	Public Health England
Jonathan Jardine	West Midlands Police
Sarah Norman	Health Chief Executive Lead for WMCA
Sean Russell	Mental Health Implementation Director
Gary Taylor	West Midlands Fire Service
Alison Tonge	NHS England

In Attendance:

Mark Barrow	Arcadis
John Dixon	Warwickshire County Council
Jane Moore	WMCA

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Khan, Lawrence and Shackleton and Richard Beeken (NHS Improvement), Andy Hardy (STP Systems Leader), Sue Ibbotson (Public Health England), Andrew McKirgan (STP Systems Leader), Mark Rogers (STP Systems Leader), and Andy Williams.

01/16 Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Wellbeing Board and at the invitation of the Chair introductions were duly made.

02/16 Terms of Reference

The Chair presented a report on the terms of reference for the Wellbeing Board, as agreed by the West Midlands Combined Authority Board on 18 November 2016.

Resolved that the purpose and terms of reference of the board be noted,

03/16 Appointment of Vice-Chair

The Chair invited nominations to the position of Vice-Chair for the Board.

No nominations were put forward so it was agreed that the matter would be deferred to the next meeting.

Resolved that the appointment of Vice-Chair be deferred to the next meeting,

04/16 Health, Wellbeing and Wealth – Sides of the Same Coin

Lola Abudu presented a report on Health, Wellbeing and Wealth – Sides of the Same Coin, to inform the board's decisions about the scope of its work.

The report set out the discussion regarding the widening gap between life expectancy and healthy life expectancy, the importance of starting well and ageing well, the added value of working across the wider West Midlands and the need for an integrated intelligence function for the WMCA to support its health and wellbeing aim. The report also included an appendix of the current West Midlands level activities relevant to 'wealth and health' objectives.

In relation to a comment from Councillor Meeson regarding the need to be careful not to duplicate areas of work already being delivered within each local authority, Jane Moore reported that the board would look to add value on the wider geography with regards to areas that would have the best impact on public health.

Councillor Robertson reported that he recognised that different local authorities have different areas of focus and that Walsall was prioritising early years (0-3), future development and the frail and the elderly.

Councillor Harris welcomed the report and considered that whilst the key messages in the report were self-evident it was important that these were taken forward. Councillor Harris also noted the differing and diminishing resources for each local authority and the need to share/ showcase good practice.

Jonathan Jardine concurred that the integrated intelligence function was significant and that the Public Service Reform Board (which he sat on) was also focusing on this. He added that West Midlands Police was gathering data from multiple sources and there was an opportunity for sharing personalised

individual data to help individuals and that the West Midlands Fire Service was also working with an individualised data base.

Jane Moore enquired how the board could link up with the police and fire service to utilise their expertise and intelligence.

Councillor Meeson considered that West Midlands Observatory could take on an expanded role and obtain information from different agencies as it was important not to re-event the wheel.

Resolved

- (1) That the proposal to develop a Population Health and Wellbeing Plan be agreed;
- (2) That decision- making of the Wellbeing Board be supported by evidence from the new population health intelligence and insight function;
- (3) That the Wellbeing Board receive an update on the developing health intelligence and insight function at a future meeting ;
- (4) That the public health and prevention work currently ongoing across the West Midlands footprint of relevance to the West Midlands Combined Authority's ambition be noted and
- (5) That the proposals for prevention and public health be submitted to the Wellbeing Board be agreed.

05/16 Mental Health Commission Update

Sean Russell presented a report that updated the board on the current position of the West Midlands Mental Health Action Plan.

The report outlined progress on the Mental Health Implementation Plan that focused on 21 work streams covering five key areas that would be delivered over the next two years. The West Midlands Mental Health Commission's 'Thrive' document, the baseline assessment document from the University of Birmingham to support the Action Plan (with recommendations) and the Implementation Delivery Plan were also attached to the report as appendices.

Sean Russell reported that the launch of the West Midlands Mental Health Commission document, 'Thrive' on 31 January 2017, along with its Action Plan was received very positively and the concordat (designed to assist the implementation of the plan), was signed by the majority of partners.

Sean Russell advised the board that in addition to the circa £10m awarded by the Department of Work and Pension Health and Work Unit for the Individual Placement and Support Programme, a further bid had been submitted to the same unit for £2m to support a fiscal incentive trial within the Employer

Wellbeing area for 100 small and medium enterprises across the region; the outcome of the bid was expected to be announced within the next two weeks.

The Chair reported that the launch of the Thrive document was one of the best events he had attended and expressed his appreciation to Sean Russell for making this happen. The Chair added that whilst he recognised the challenges ahead, it was also exciting times for the Mental Health Commission and that work areas would be undertaken with the Public Sector Reform Board to avoid silo working.

In relation to an enquiry from Councillor Meeson regarding how the ten or so programmes listed in the plan such as mental health first aid would fit with the work of other agencies to avoid fragmentation or work carried out in isolation, Sean Russell reported that the Thrive West Midlands Plan had been developed with other agencies and he planned to 'tap into' existing structures rather than create new work and for mental health first aid training this could include work with schools.

Alison Tonge reported that the intention was to add value to this programme and that NHSE would work closely with the Mental Health Implementation Director to ensure there was no duplication of effort.

In relation to an enquiry from Councillor Meeson as to how many areas have Mental Health Champions, the Chair advised that all seven constituent authorities have Mental Health Champions.

Councillor Sweet noted the barriers to people raising problems relating to their mental health and the importance of friends and family in assisting them to seek help.

Resolved

- (1) That the proposed Action Plan delivery mechanism be supported and
- (2) That Health and Wellbeing Boards be invited to consider the Thrive document and how it might align with local developments and provide feedback on the implementation plan.

06/16 One Public Estate

The committee received a presentation from Mark Barrow on the One Public Estate Programme, Asset Enabled Transformation following discussion at the Devolution Health Sub Group.

The presentation outlined the One Public Estate initiative, the West Midlands profile, the governance and work streams for the programme, health/care current projects, figures relating to the ageing population of the West Midlands, the cost of delayed transfers and the potential revolving investment fund model.

In relation to the cost of delayed transfers, Mark Barrow provided an example of Good Hope Hospital that is saving on the cost of delayed transfers by providing independent accommodation and a package of support. Mark Barrow advised that this model could be adopted across the region which would result in significant savings.

Councillor Meeson considered that parts of the estate could be utilised such as old convalescent hospitals but noted problems regarding capacity and the availability of beds.

Councillor Robertson reported of the need for accommodation to have 'in built use-ability' to cope with the health needs of a person as they get older rather than having to spend considerable sums adapting the accommodation to meet their needs in later years.

Alison Tonge reported that she was very supportive of this work and sought clarification on the criteria for the projects that were included in the programme.

Mark Barrow advised that to date this has been a Government Programme with Government Programme bidding arrangements. However going forward the revolving investment fund that is proposed would provide for WMCA decision making. The Project Group and Property Board include representatives from all bodies including local authorities and health and that proposals would need to be aligned to the strategic priorities in the SEP and the STPs for complete integration. He reported that it was planned to have something in place following agreement by the WMCA Board around April time.

The Chair asked that Mark Barrow provide an update to the next meeting either by way of presentation or a report.

Resolved that the presentation be noted.

07/16

Accountability for Place

Alison Tonge presented a progress report on the direction for increased accountability in place, utilising the STP footprint initially and to build additional capacity for transformation in partnership with the wider public service reform.

The report outlined the current environment and the need for change, the initial work that has been undertaken and the options for further development.

Alison Tonge reported that a workshop session is proposed to develop these options and other ideas further.

Councillor Meeson expressed some reservations from his experience of the STP process regarding the lack of flexibility and the need to take into account local conditions which did not always fit the national formula. He indicated

that whilst he agreed with sharing good practice this should not stifle local initiatives.

Councillor Caborn reported that he concurred with Councillor Meeson's views.

The Chair reported that he supported a half day workshop session to discuss the options and governance arrangements with local authorities and key partners.

Gary Taylor reported that he welcomed the report and considered the timing was right to bring key players and leaders together for the best chance of success.

Resolved

- (1) That the opportunity to develop further the Accountability at Place utilising the STP footprints across the region be noted ;
- (2) That Alison Tonge arrange a workshop session for Wellbeing Board members and relevant partners to develop the options for Accountability at Place and
- (3) That the direction for the West Midlands level transformation and development programmes of work particularly on public health, social value, transformation of public services and the drive to reduce the demand on public services in the medium term be supported.

8/16 Local Systems Plans and WMCA – Opportunities for Mental Health, Children and Prevention

Alison Tonge outlined a presentation that set out a 5 year vision with a triple aim of improving the gaps in health and wellbeing, care and quality and funding and efficiency for the three programmes of mental health, children and prevention. The presentation emphasised the importance of the right care, in the right place and the importance of the role of the STPs and the WMCA in delivering the priorities.

The Chair reported that he supported the three programmes and considered that whilst the WMCA and the STPs were the region's best assets they also represented the biggest challenges. He added that it was essential the governance arrangements that were put in place were right in order to ensure there was 'buy in' from all parties and proposed that a separate session be held for Wellbeing Board representatives and Wellbeing Champions which could possibly be combined with the half- day session already proposed.

The Chair asked that Alison Tonge convene an away day session as proposed above and invite delegates as appropriate.

Councillor Caborn reported that by the end of this year Warwickshire should have a children's strategy in place; John Dixon added that this work could feed into the programmes.

Jane Moore reported that it was important to consider the linkages to other areas noting how the 'Thrive' document links to skills and education and proposed a session with colleagues looks at how the programmes linked together ('cross pollination') to avoid duplication.

Councillor Meeson noted that national programmes are in place for early years and these also should be taken into consideration.

The Chair agreed with the comments made by Councillor Meeson and the need to link the devolved agenda with the national agenda and for Leaders to come together to examine the priorities for the children's agenda.

Resolved

- (1) That the presentation be noted and
- (2) That Alison Tonge arrange for a session to be held with colleagues as appropriate to take forward the opportunities/ priorities for mental health, children and prevention.

9/16 Devolution Opportunities

Sarah Norman informed the board that there further opportunities to receive devolution deals from Government and a second devolution for the West Midlands was deal was expected to be announced within the next month or so. With regards to devolution monies for Wellbeing, Sarah Norman advised that firm proposals could be put forward for investment on a spend to save basis.

10/16 Future Programme

The Chair reported that he would email colleagues regarding the vacant position of Vice- Chair to seek their nominations.

11/16 Any Other Business

None notified.

12/16 Date of Next Meeting

Friday, 19 May 2017 at 2.00pm

CHAIRMAN