

MINUTES of the meeting of Health and Wellbeing Board held at Council Chamber - Brockington on Thursday 14 April 2011 at 3.00 pm

Present:

Councillors: LO Barnett, CJ Bull, Ms J Burton, Mrs J Newton, D Taylor, Dr A Watts, R Beavan-Pearson, Mrs N Silver, Mrs J Jones and Ms J Bremner

In attendance: Councillors

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor LO Barnett, Cabinet Member Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing was appointed Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Sarah Aitken, Interim Director of Public Health, Wendy Coombey, Voluntary Sector Representative and Jo Davidson, Director of Children's Services.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE, MEMBERSHIP AND WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

This was the first meeting of the shadow Health and Well Being Board for Herefordshire; Herefordshire was one of the national early implementers for health and well being

Members noted the terms of reference proposed, which were based on the Health and Care Bill. A core membership was agreed, which could be reviewed/added to at a later date. Members agreed that each representative should have a named person to act as substitute at any meeting they were unable to attend. The Board noted the proposed schedule of meeting dates for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED THAT: the Board

- a) **noted the terms of reference as set out in the report to Council at Appendix 1 to the report and approved at the Council meeting of 4 March 2011;**
- b) **approved the principle of a standing list of substitute members; and**
- c) **approved the schedule of meeting dates.**

5. HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN - TRANSITION REPORT

The Board noted the key points of the health improvement plan, which was based on a number of initiatives. Nine areas had been listed as priority areas to influence the main causes of avoidable illness or premature death.

Healthy diet and physical activity – this is part of a change for life programme aimed at children and parents. It was noted that the healthy start programme was to continue.

Currently there are a variety of programmes that are the responsibility of differing organisations. It was noted that in the future this would be the responsibility of the H&WB Board and could form part of the basis for the Board's future strategy.

The Board discussed in broad terms proposals for future priorities, how these should be evidenced based and the future role of the Board, providing the opportunity to work with partner organisations and highlight issues.

The Board discussed proposals for a workshop to agree:

- what measures needed to be put in place;
- what other organisations needed to be involved;
- a timeline for planning and delivery;
- what the big issues were that the Board needed to lead on.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

6. HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP GROUP LEGACY REPORT

The Board acknowledged the considerable amount of work that had been carried out by the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Group over the past year. Members noted the influence of employment on an individual's health and wellbeing and the requirement to create opportunities to work with employers and the business community to improve and protect the health and wellbeing of residents in the county. The Board noted the considerable amount of work and achievements of the health and wellbeing partnership group and in particular the work of the chairman, the NHS Herefordshire non-executive director, Alan Curless.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

7. PLANNING FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN HEREFORDSHIRE

The Board raised the following points in planning for health and wellbeing in Herefordshire:

- reviewed progress to date;
- to engage with the community as part of the solution;
- to recognise the challenges around budgets;
- alignment of this Board with the work of Herefordshire Partnership;
- to explore the key issues and how these issues can be accurately reflected in the planning for the way ahead.
- that the next meeting date should be a workshop meeting to discuss wider proposals and plan a road map for the future. The workshop to have a wide remit of invitees;
- to explore the definition of wellbeing as meaning quality of life / happiness. It was agreed that any definition should include elements of mental health and wellbeing.
- to have an understanding of what authority the Board has and its relationship with partner organisations.
- to be the body that plans and takes the lead role on health improvement.

- to ensure that services are integrated across the system (both health and social care) and equal weight is given in each area.
- to ensure that the people involved have the required expertise and capability for delivery across many agencies.

RESOLVED: That the discussion paper be noted.

The meeting ended at 4.15 pm

CHAIRMAN