

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</b>
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>28 JANUARY 2014</b>

<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>HEREFORDSHIRE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES EVENT</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>THIRD SECTOR LIAISON OFFICER</b>

**1. Classification**

Open

**2. Key Decision**

This is not an executive decision

**3. Wards Affected**

County-wide

**4. Purpose**

- 4.1 To receive a report on the Herefordshire Healthy Communities event held on the 20 November 2013.

**5. Recommendation**

**THAT: The report be noted and that future active participation of Board members be agreed.**

**6. Alternative Options**

- 6.1 As this report is for information and articulates future process for discussion, there are no alternative options.

**7. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 7.1
- The report gives information on the Healthy Herefordshire Communities event held in November 2013 to support the Board's priority of Communities and Volunteering.
  - The report sets out the proposed process for further work to support community action to meet the Health and Well-being Board's Priorities and focus
  - The report articulates perceived barriers to community action so they can better be overcome.

## **8. Key Considerations**

- 8.1
- There was a Healthy Herefordshire Communities event held on 20/11/13 in order to bring together communities, VCS organisations and health and well-being professionals to consider the best approach in supporting communities to support themselves with collaborative support.
  - A start was made at mapping support and activity already available in communities and through VCS organisations in different local areas as well as looking at the needs and the barriers to this activity.
  - There was consideration of the Local Area Co-ordination model which some areas might wish to pursue.
  - Work following on from this event has begun to pull together the knowledge held across the County so a better picture can be formed of what might be needed in various areas and the good practice that can be better shared.
  - This will be one of the main focuses of the second event, to be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm at the Kindle centre.
  - Some communities may need galvanising to start considering new and creative ways of supporting vulnerable residents whereas others are already cohesive in that support, but all will need better access to specialist support and greater collaboration.

## **9. Community Impact**

- 9.1
- The event and work subsequent to it is focussed on positive community impact as it aims to bring together the Health and Well-Being Board, the VCS, elected members, Town and Parish Councils, faith groups and individuals within communities so that in future we can work more collaboratively together in supporting community action leading to greater local support for vulnerable people. As such it meets both the needs of the Localism Act and the Care and Support Bill, the priorities of the Health and Well-Being Board (particularly around Communities and Volunteering) and the priorities of Herefordshire Council.

## **10. Equality and Human Rights**

The event report pays due regard to the public sector equality duty by attempting to draw together the widest representation from Herefordshire's communities as possible. It recognises a need to ensure greater involvement from faith groups, BAME (Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic) groups and community individuals although the audience did have some representation from these groups

The event's venue also is intended to ensure the maximum accessibility for all.

## **11. Financial Implications**

- 11.1
- Cost implications are minimal and to be covered by existing budgets.

## **12. Legal Implications**

- 12.1
- There are no legal implications other than this work being contributory to meeting elements of the Care and Support Bill.

### **13. Risk Management**

13.1 No risks identified in recommended work

The risk if the work around these events is not continued that further attempts for cross-sector and community collaboration to support communities to support themselves will not be successful as background work and research will not have been completed.

### **14. Consultees**

14.1 Invited attendees were from the Health and Well-being Board, Clinical Commissioning Group, the 2gether Trust, NHS Trust, Herefordshire Community Development Partnership and Practitioners' Forum, town and parish councils, elected members, parochial church councils, children's centres, youth organisations and VCS organisations.

### **15. Appendices**

15.1 Appendix 1: Full report on The Herefordshire Healthy Communities Event on 20 November 13, including proposals for future work and details of the next event.

### **16. Background Papers**

16.1 None identified.