



Meeting: Wellbeing Board

Subject: Minutes

Date: Friday 19 May 2017 at 1.30pm

Present:

Councillor Paulette Hamilton	(Birmingham City Council)
Councillor Ken Meeson	(Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council)
Councillor Peter Miller	(Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council)
Councillor Ian Robertson	(Walsall Metropolitan Council Council)
Councillor Ann Shackleton	(Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council)
Guy Daly	(Coventry University)
Sue Ibbotson	(Public Health England)
Sarah Marwick	(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	(OPE Programme Director, Arcadis)
Andrea Gabbitas	(West Midlands Police)
Simon Hall	(Black Country Consortium)
Andrew Harkness	(STP, NHS for Andy Williams)
Jane Moore	(WMCA)
Anne Shaw	(Birmingham City Council)
Duncan Vernon	(Transport for the West Midlands)

Observers:

Salma Ali	(NHS England)
Naomi Brook	(CCC)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Caan and Caborn, Andy Hardy, Julie Moore and Andy Williams.

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Chair of the Wellbeing Board

Sarah Norman informed the board that Councillor Pete Lowe had not been appointed Leader at Dudley Council's AGM held yesterday and consequently, he would no longer hold a position on the WMCA Board and chair this board. It was noted that the appointment of Chair for the Wellbeing Board would be confirmed at the WMCA Board's AGM on 23 June 2017.

14/16 Appointment of Vice-Chair

In relation to the position of Vice-Chair, Sarah Norman reported that following the last meeting, Councillor Ken Meeson had kindly volunteered for the role.

Councillor Hamilton nominated Councillor Meeson for the position of Vice-Chair and this was seconded by Councillor Robinson.

Resolved that Councillor Meeson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Wellbeing Board.

Councillor Meeson in the Chair

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The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair, as a correct record.

16/16 West Midlands On the Move – Physical Activity Strategy

Simon Hall presented a report on West Midlands on the Move- Physical Activity Strategy.

It was noted that the latest version of the strategy, the WMCA Physical Activity Strategic Framework, had been developed following consultation with WMCA thematic leads, constituent and non-constituent members and stakeholders.

In relation to Councillor Robertson's comments regarding the need to introduce small changes in order to change behaviour, Simon Hall concurred and considered that small change should focus on how we live and work including taking responsibility for community centres and halls.

Sue Ibbotson added that inactivity had increased since the 1960s and there is a need to look at how people can move more in everyday life that will make a difference.

Councillor Meeson reported of the need to obtain co-operation from land owners, schools and local authorities to make the best use of sports fields/grounds and community facilities. He considered that land around HS2 stations that would be unsuitable for housing could be utilised for physical activities such as walking and cycling and suggested a 'West Midlands Way' could be set up to encourage people to move around.

Simon Hall reported that he was working with different communities and sharing best practice and agreed that civil spaces need to be transformational and that he liked the suggestion of a West Midlands Way.

Resolved

- (1) That progress made in producing the Strategic Framework and its stronger alignment to the WMCA's Strategic Economic Plan and Thrive West Midlands Action Plan be endorsed;
- (2) That the next steps in producing the final Strategic Framework including consulting with constituent and non-constituent members, observers and stakeholders be approved ;
- (3) That the timescales for the production of the Final Strategic Framework, the initial 6 month Implementation Plan and Framework ,seeking WMCA adoption within 3 months of this Wellbeing Board meeting be agreed;
- (4) That the establishment of the West Midlands on the Move Working Group as a sub-committee reporting to the Wellbeing Board, working to the terms of reference outlined in the report be approved;
- (5) That the WMCA Board be asked to consider the provision of a resource to drive work forward from 16 June 2017 to 31 March 2018, at a cost in the region of £42,000 be endorsed;
- (6) That the Strategic Framework's implementation is not dependent on external funding and that in developing the Implementation Plan and Resourcing Framework, that the WMCA enter into discussions with Sport England on funding, recognising there is no other Combined Authority adopting an integrated approach to using increases in physical activity to achieve the WMCA SEP and Thrive West Midlands priorities, be endorsed and
- (7) That in entering into discussions with Sport England, the WMCA note that any Sport England funding should not impact on existing Sport England funding in local areas or the potential for constituent members and non-constituent members to lever additional funding be endorsed.

17/16 Transport and Air Quality Update

Anne Shaw presented a report that updated the board on the issues regarding air quality within the region, the actions proposed, the development of a West Midlands response and the potential impact at a wider regional level of the government revised national air quality action plan.

Councillor Hamilton thanked Anne Shaw for a really good report, noting that of the 2,000-2,400 estimated deaths related to poor air quality, 900 alone occurred in Birmingham and enquired as to the work being undertaken with the NHS. Councillor Hamilton further enquired as to the preventive work being undertaken.

Anne Shaw considered that more joint working with Public Health England was required and an economic analysis was being undertaken with regards to productivity as to how this could translate into preventative measures.

Sue Ibbotson reported that Public Health England endorsed the report and NHS public health indicators would help support raising awareness of the burdens of ill health.

In relation to consultation on the Government's new draft Air Quality Plan which closes on 15 June 2017, Anne Shaw reported that whilst constituents and non-constituent members of the WMCA could submit individual responses, it was hoped that one clear, coherent response would be submitted by the WMCA that would have the strong support of the Mayor.

It was agreed that a further report should be submitted to this board when the strategy was more developed.

Resolved

- (1) That the concurrent duties of the WMCA to monitor, review and manage air quality as per the draft WMCA Amendments and Functions Order 2017 (having come into effect on 8 May 2017) and the need to develop a Memorandum of Understanding to outline roles and responsibilities of relevant stakeholders in the improvement of air quality across the WMCA area be noted;
- (2) That the need to change transport emissions and behaviours in order to improve air quality be noted;
- (3) That the updated draft air quality plan to reduce NO₂ was published on 5 May and the plan be finalised by 31 July 2017 after consultation be noted ;
- (4) That the updated draft air quality plan has identified further local authorities in the West Midlands where there is a persistent exceedance of the annual limit for NO₂ and proposals to address this must be considered be noted;
- (5) That addressing air quality across the West Midlands would benefit from a level of regional cross-party coordination and the intention of TfWM to collaborate and develop a coordinated and standardised approach to respond to the transport implications that result from the publication of the new national air quality plan be noted ;
- (6) That the wider opportunities to develop regional strengths in the low carbon economy in order to benefit the West Midlands economy and to help meet the demand for innovations and products that help improve air quality be noted;

- (7) That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officers and Leaders of the WMCA constituent authorities have been briefed on this matter be noted and
- (8) That a further report on air quality be submitted to a future meeting of this board when the strategy is more developed.

18/16 West Midlands Health and Transport Strategy

Duncan Vernon presented a report that provided an update on how Transport for the West Midlands would be taking forward the development of a health and transport strategy and its overlap with the aims and roles of the Wellbeing Board.

Councillor Meeson noted the importance of public transport provision and in particular the need for frequent bus services to avoid people having to use their cars.

Jane Moore reported that the issue of equalities was significant as people living in deprived communities needed support to benefit from health and transport initiatives, for example; cycling training was required in addition to cycle infrastructure measures.

Anne Shaw concurred with Jane Moore and reported that Birmingham City Council had given away 4,000 bikes (with GPS) to deprived communities and there was evidence that the initiative had improved health, access to employment and had encouraged people to travel further than their local area. Anne Shaw added that she could provide other examples of work with communities that was having a big impact.

In relation to Councillor Hamilton's comment that she supported the concept of Boris Bikes in London, Anne Shaw reported that Birmingham City Council was undertaking a procurement exercise to look at bike sharing across the West Midlands.

Duncan Vernon advised the board that one of the benefits of integrating health and transport in a single strategy was that it would identify areas of deprivation and would look at how communities could be connected.

Resolved

- (1) That Transport for the West Midlands is developing a Health and Transport Strategy be noted;
- (2) That the key elements of the World Health Organisation (WHO) approach from 'Health as the Pulse of the New Urban Agenda and their role in improving health in the West Midlands be noted and
- (3) That further reports on the development of the West Midlands Health and Transport Strategy be submitted to future meetings of this board.

19/16 **Mental Health Commission Update**

Sean Russell presented a report that provided an update on the current position of the West Midlands Mental Commission Action Plan.

The report outlined progress on key areas that included wellbeing at work, Fiscal Incentive work, Midlands Engine funding, Housing First, Criminal Justice, Primary Mental Health Care, community engagement and mental health awareness training.

In relation to community engagement and in particular the 'Walking Out of Darkness' event that was held on 6 May 2017 in Birmingham, Sean Russell reported that around 450 people attended and conveyed a big thank you to all who had supported this event. He added that for the future, the event would have a focus on remembering people who had taken their own life.

In relation to providing mental health awareness training, Sean Russell advised that there were many different organisations offering a range of options and consideration would need to be given to delivering training at the right time, right place and for the right people.

In relation to an enquiry from Simon Hall as to whether Year 6 Primary Funding could be utilised, Sean Russell reported that there was a significant transition from Year 6 into Year 7 and undertook to discuss the matter with Simon Hall outside of the meeting.

Sue Ibbotson considered the work being undertaken on mental health was fantastic, noting this was the only regional public mental health strategy in the country and urged colleagues to keep supporting Sean Russell.

Resolved that the update on the current position of the West Midlands Mental Health Commission Action Plan be noted.

20/16 **One Public Estate**

Mark Barrow presented a report that provided an update on the position of the West Midlands One Public Estate Programme since the previous meeting and highlighted the pipeline of projects and activity going forward.

In relation to the report recommendation to retain the proceeds of disposed NHS assets locally, as contained within the 'Naylor Review', Alison Tonge reported that everyone wants to retain assets and that the Strategic Transformation Partnerships (STPs) are engaged in this programme although Coventry and Warwickshire was proposing a different vehicle.

Mark Barrow advised that he was aware of the Coventry and Warwickshire position and was working with them.

Resolved

- (1) That the board endorses the recommendation within the 'Naylor Review' to retain the proceeds of disposed NHS assets locally;
- (2) That the board supports the development of a West Midlands devolution deal ask to implement the retention of NHS disposed assets locally and asks the WMCA Board to support the devolution deal subject to the support of NHS partners;
- (3) That the board seeks support from NHS partners to extend the principle of retaining the value of locally disposed NHS assets in future STP propositions;
- (4) That the board notes and supports progress made within the One Public Estate Programme and its pipeline projects and
- (5) That the board continues to receive update reports on the One Public Estate Programme.

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Strategic Transformation Partnerships (STPs): An Opportunity for Greater Place Based Accountability

Alison Tonge presented a report that outlined the development and future role of the Strategic Transformation Partnerships (STPs) and how they could help deliver the priorities in the 'NHS, Five Year Forward View' and in particular the 4 key 2017/18 priorities.

Councillor Meeson noted that the STPs were still work in progress and enquired how the STPs would be communicated to members of the public so that they would understand their role and remit.

Councillor Hamilton reported that she had been involved with STPs from the beginning and supported the development of the STPs as it would provide the opportunity to offer a joined up approach for health and social care.

Alison Tong advised that she would continue to provide further STPs updates to the board.

Resolved

- (1) That the update on the Strategic Transformation Partnerships (STPs) following the publication of the 'Next Steps on the NHS Five Year Forward Plan' in October 2016 be noted ;
- (2) That the direction of travel regarding the increased importance of 'Place' based accountability in the evolving NHS architecture be noted and

- (3) That the implications of recent developments within the context of partnerships in the wider public service reform agenda in the West Midlands be noted.

22/16 Population Intelligence Offer

Jane Moore presented a report on the draft Population Intelligence Offer that put forward a proposal for the way in which intelligence could support the goals and priorities of the Wellbeing Board.

Jane Moore reported that work was being undertaken with key partner organisations to produce an integrated approach to intelligence and referred to the development of a Population Health Plan.

Jane Moore advised that the draft Population Health Plan would be submitted to the next meeting of this board.

Resolved that the approach to developing population intelligence be supported.

23/16 Any Other Business

None notified.

24/16 Date of Next Meeting

Friday, 28 July 2017 at 1.00pm (to be confirmed following the WMCA Board AGM).

CHAIRMAN