

Wellbeing Board

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Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- (1) Note the progress against the 2021/22 High Level Deliverables to date.
- (2) Identify any areas which the Board wishes to receive a more detailed report on progress or activity.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This paper reports against progress to date against the 2021/22 deliverables.

2. High Level Deliverables for 2021/22

WB01
Aim: Extension of Thrive-into-Work Programme
Progress: - Please see attached paper (Item 3b)



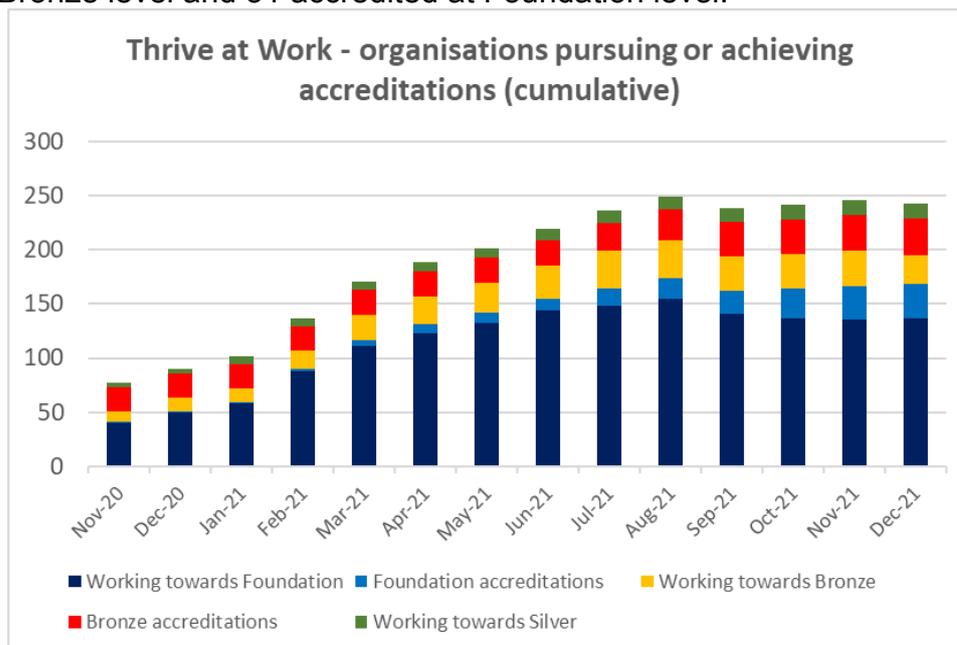
WB02

Aim:

Delivery of Thrive-at-Work Programme

Progress:

- The programme continues to recruit and support organisations to pursue and achieve accreditations. At the end of December 2021, there were 486 organisations signed up to Thrive at Work – 12 newly registered that month.
- At the end of December 2021, there were 34 organisations accredited at Bronze level and 31 accredited at Foundation level.



- The programme's funding term, via the Mental Health & Productivity Pilot (MHPP) is scheduled to end in June 2022, but the pandemic has disrupted the general reach and impact of the programme – particularly due to the impact of the pandemic on the capacity of organisations to be able to meaningfully focus on this agenda. As such, we have contributed to MHPP discussions with central government over extended funding, potentially for an additional 15 to 18 months, up to September / December 2023. Government finances are inevitably challenged and so the MHPP funding bid provides 3 different potential options of MHPP funding levels – all of which retain a substantial focus on the Thrive at Work programme.
- In addition, work will be taking place from January 2022, in conjunction with MHPP colleagues, to develop a plan for the future financial sustainability of the Thrive at Work programme.

WB03

Aim:

Reconvene Mental Health Commission to identify new issues and approaches to Mental Health Awareness, Prevention and support in the region

Progress:

- Please see attached paper (Item 3a)

WB04

Aim:

Develop and sustain a Physical Activity Programme with regional partners

Progress:

- Sport England has confirmed its physical activity legacy funding to the 4 Commonwealth Active Communities (CACs). The WMCA continues to support by co-funding with Sport England providing free 5 days **leadership expertise** from University of Birmingham, developing joint working across organisations and communities and understanding impact.
- **Public Space Design trial** - Walsall's Willenhall Park is now open with NESTA/WMCA funding creating a new and digital active space for local communities. Coventry CC and Sandwell MBC continue to work with communities to design and plan future provision by the Foleshill canal network and Tipton Parklet, scheduled to be opened later in the year.
- **Sport England collaboration**- over £569k funding has been received over the last 2 years. In line with the Wellbeing Board's approval for Wellbeing Priorities and Sport England's Uniting the Movement Strategy Implementation Plan, the WMCA is discussing a future partnership which is aligned to the priorities and working with Local Authorities, Active Partnerships and other partners to demonstrate added value and impact.

WB05

Aim:

Making WM an exemplar region for getting more disabled people active

Progress:

- **Include Me Citizens Network and Panel** - Progressing but in its infancy and time is spent on developing relationships, values and forward plan so that topics can be discussed in between meetings and across social media. It is proposed that the Citizens Network and Panel provide their vision and purpose at the next Wellbeing Board meeting.
- Over 90 organisations have signed up to the **Include Me WM Pledge** and commitment to be more inclusive, accessible and customer focused generating over 200 different actions including training.
- **Transport without Barriers pilot** to test whether digital prompts linked to SWIFT can improve disabled people's confidence in using public transport to get to places to be active. The pilot will be delivered in February 2022.
- **Include Me WM Review and Exemplar Region getting disabled people active** - following approval at the last Wellbeing Board, over 20 organisations (3/7 Local Authorities) met with the WMCA in December 2021 to discuss reconfirming their commitment to reduce health inequalities for disabled people and those with long term health conditions, start to explore how we achieve that collaboratively. All organisations agreed that this ambition was a priority and given the agenda is broad, agreed to meet and plan how we will work together to deliver long term change.

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WB06

Aim: Develop WM Health Intelligence & Data Programme
Progress: - Please refer to presentation at today's (January 2022) Board Meeting

WB07
Aim: Develop collaborative programmes to tackle system-level Health Inequalities issues and embed HIAP approach in WMCA
Progress: - Please see attached paper (agenda item no.8)

WB08
Aim: Secure and implement the Radical Health Prevention Fund
Progress: - Regular meetings with DHSC continuing - Will be considered for this year's Budget - Also, exploring other avenues with DHSC to fund various aspects of RHPF

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The WMCA budget agreed in February has been built around these High-Level Deliverables. There are no other direct spend or budgetary implications because of the recommendations within this report. There is underspend in the budget due to being unable to fill vacancies.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 It is a statutory requirement that the Combined Authority has an assurance framework in place. The assurance framework approved by the WMCA Board on 24 July 2020 stipulates the requirement of the Wellbeing Board to approve and monitor the deliverables of the portfolio.

5. Equalities Implications to update

- 5.1 This is a progress update – there are no immediate equality implications in relation to this report.

6. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 6.1 The Wellbeing programme is aligned to the Health & Wellbeing fundamental of the Inclusive Growth Framework. WB07 and its focus on reducing health inequality have been embedded as the headline outcome of that framework. Furthermore, the extension of Thrive into Work has strengthened one of the key inclusive growth policy mechanisms of

the region by connecting it to other fundamentals of the framework – notably ‘Affordable and Safe Places’ – where the key outcome is designing out homelessness.

7. Geographical Area of Report’s Implications

7.1 The work of the Wellbeing Board applies to relevant activity across both Constituent and Non-constituent areas.

8. Other Implications

8.1 None.

9. Schedule of Background Papers

9.1 Linked papers at today’s Board meeting, Item 3a Update on Mental Health Commission and Item 3b Update on Thrive into Work.

10. Appendices

10.1 None.