

Meeting: Wellbeing Board

Subject: Minutes

Date: Friday 28 July 2017 at 2.30pm

Present:

Councillor Ken Meeson (Vice-Chair) (Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council)
Councillor Kamran Caan (Coventry City Council)
Councillor Paulette Hamilton (Birmingham City Council)
Councillor Barry Longden (Nuneaton and Bedworth Council)
Councillor Peter Miller (Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council)
Councillor Ian Robertson (Walsall Metropolitan Council Council)
Councillor Ann Shackleton (Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council)
Councillor Paul Sweet (City of Wolverhampton Council)
Sue Ibbotson (Public Health England)
Sarah Marwick (Office of Police & Crime Commissioner)
Dame Julie Moore (STP Systems Leader NHS)
Sarah Norman (Health Chief Executive Lead for WMCA)
Gary Taylor (West Midlands Fire Service)
Alison Tonge (NHS England)
Andy Williams (STP Systems Leader NHS)

In Attendance:

Anne Coufoplous (Universities for Guy Daly)
Simon Hall (WMCA)
Jane Moore (WMCA)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Les Caborn and Bob Sleigh (Chair), Guy Daly, Andy Hardy and Sean Russell.

Councillor Meeson in the Chair

01/17

Calendar of meetings

The board noted the following schedule of meetings for the Wellbeing Board for 2017/18 as agreed by the WMCA Board at its AGM on 23 June 2017:

6 October 2017
19 January 2018 and
20 April 2018

All meetings would commence at 1.30pm and would be held in 16 Summer Lane, Birmingham.

02/17 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair, as a correct record subject to the additional apology being added for Councillor Paul Sweet.

03/17 Matters Arising

Minute No. 20/16 – One Public Estate

In relation to Councillor Longden's enquiry regarding whether the One Public Estate programme had stalled due to purdah, Sarah Norman reported that she could not see why the programme would not continue now the General Election had passed. Jane Moore advised that a number of projects would be taken forward in various ways and efforts were being made to ensure these were joined-up.

04/17 Wellbeing Priorities Report

Jane Moore and Sarah Norman presented a report that set out six potential wellbeing priorities for the West Midlands Combined Authority for the Wellbeing Board to agree.

Jane Moore reported that the Wellbeing Board Workshop on the 19 May had identified six areas that add value which had been discussed with key stakeholders and academic colleagues to ascertain synergies with other work areas and how the priorities might add value without duplicating what is being done elsewhere.

Councillor Robinson concurred with the requirement for the priorities to add value and reported of the need to lobby Government regarding funding cuts that were impacting on preventive campaigns which was false economy.

Councillor Paul Sweet supported Councillor Robinson's views and added that the danger of doing more for less was that Government would further reduce funding for the preventive agenda.

Sue Ibbotson reported that she supported the priorities on the basis that they link to the key objectives of the WMCA Board and would make a significant difference.

In relation to the scoping work for children and young people, Councillor Meeson reported of the need to ensure there was a proposition from children who had been excluded from school.

Councillor Hamilton reported that people not in employment, education or training (NEETS) was a big issue that was becoming bigger and considered that the WMCA should be monitoring the situation to see what could be done.

Councillor Meeson agreed with Councillor Hamilton and noted that the business sector could play a role in supporting NEETS through work experience placements and apprenticeships.

In relation to an enquiry from Councillor Longden as to when non-constituent authorities would be involved with this work, Jane Moore reported that this would be dependent on the proposition following the scoping work, however, she advised that the three STPs would be involved which included Warwickshire not just the seven Met authorities.

Jane Moore reported that further to a discussion with the Vice-Chair, Councillor Meeson, it was agreed that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of each local authority Wellbeing Board so that feedback could be given on the six priorities.

Resolved

- (1) That the following actions be agreed with regards to the six priorities:
 - (a) Prevention/lifestyle risks be considered as part of a pathway approach to reducing long term conditions;
 - (b) Further work to develop proposals for a WMCA Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes Programme be supported;
 - (c) The West Midlands Cancer Alliance Programme be the programme driving improvements in cancer outcomes and increased linkages between the WMCA and this programme be sought;
 - (d) More detailed scoping work on Children and Young People with stakeholders to develop a set of options for work on this priority for the Wellbeing Board to consider be supported;
 - (e) Current Work on transport and health; physical activity and air quality be used as the basis for developing the transport priority ;
 - (f) The work of the Homeless Taskforce and Thrive be used to identify opportunities to strengthen the consideration of health in housing initiatives ;
 - (g) The development of the West Midlands Behaviour Change Network to provide expertise and support across the WMCA strategic priorities be supported and
 - (h) That behaviour change to improve wellbeing be developed as part of the other wellbeing priorities be agreed.

- (2) That progress be reviewed on the actions referred to above at the next meeting of this board.

05/17 Health Devolution Proposals Report

Jane Moore and Sarah Norman presented a report that had been undertaken with stakeholders on developing initial health devolution proposals that sought endorsement from the board. It was noted that the proposals would be used to strengthen the work outlined in the previous report on Wellbeing Priorities.

Sarah Norman provided an update on devolution discussions with Government. Sarah Norman reported that there was potentially a second devolution deal for the West Midlands which the Government wanted to conclude quickly and there was therefore pressure on the WMCA to be ready with its proposals.

It was noted that the priorities in this report, mirrored the proposals outlined in the earlier report ('Wellbeing Priorities' Report) and would be taken forward as part of the devolution discussions with Government.

Andy Williams reported that the Black Country/ West Midlands STP was very supportive of the proposals and process.

Dame Julie Moore reported that she agreed with Andy Williams's comments.

In relation to an enquiry from Alison Tonge as to how devolution and access to funding was connected, Jane Moore reported that work would build on the Mental Health Commission and once evidence was obtained, the WMCA would seek to agree a deal for resources to come into the West Midlands.

Sue Ibbotson considered that there was already an evidence basis for the prevention of cardiovascular disease but further work was required with regards to improving children and young people's wellbeing and mental health and emotional resilience as this was a complex wide ranging area and needed some iterative refining.

Resolved

- (1) That the report on Health Devolution proposals be endorsed.

06/17 Outline Population Plan

Jane Moore presented a report that set out the proposed focus of a WMCA population health plan for review.

It was noted that the Wellbeing Board had agreed the development of a WMCA Population Health Plan at its meeting on 19 May 2017 and the development of the plan had been guided by three key aspects; understanding how good health and wellbeing contributes to delivering the WMCA strategic objective; achieving the maximum health improvements for the people of the West Midlands and ensuring the plan supports the work agreed by the Wellbeing Board on its priorities.

Councillor Robertson considered that intervention was important from pregnancy through the first 2 - 3 years of a child's life.

Councillor Meeson noted that mental health was a big issue as people needed the confidence to address this.

Andy Williams reported that it was really good to see the plan was focused on healthy life expectancy rather than just life expectancy. He considered that the STP should promote independence and look to see how they could contribute to the WMCA's objectives, such as looking at more productive working time, for example, the use of Skype/ phone for final sign-off medical appointments.

Resolved

(1) That the proposals for the Population Health Plan be endorsed.

07/17

Mental Health Commission Update

Sarah Norman presented a report on behalf of Sean Russell 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 Primary Care into work intervention, 'Thrive into Work', Fiscal Incentive Work, Midland Engine Funding, Housing First, Criminal Justice, Through the Gate, Primary Mental Health Care, Community Engagement, mental health awareness raising and mental health first aid.

In relation to an enquiry from Councillor Meeson as to how mental health first aid was progressing, Jane Moore reported that a stepped approach was being undertaken, working with colleagues in the NHS and discussions were on-going as to whether it could be linked to social awareness such as dementia.

In relation to the 'Through the Gate' programme that has been established as a pilot in HMP Featherstone Prison, Councillor Hamilton reported that she had previously worked with the Probation Service and considered that Wellbeing Chairs should be briefed on programmes such as these to enable them to champion this work.

Sarah Norman advised that the programme was only a pilot at this stage but agreed that it would be beneficial to disseminate information to Wellbeing Chairs if the pilot was evaluated as a success and was rolled-out to other prisons.

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

08/17 'West Midlands on the Move', From Strategic Framework to Implementation

Simon Hall presented a report that outlined the work undertaken to determine local authority and stakeholder commitment to the adoption and implementation of the WMCA's, 'West Midlands on the Move' Physical Activity Strategic Framework.

Councillor Caan reported that he was very supportive of the report and highlighted work undertaken in Coventry to bring fitness to parks as well as sport centres and considered that parks presented a great opportunity to bring fitness to everyone.

Councillor Sweet reported that Wolverhampton had a focus on the built and natural environment and noted that canal routes made ideal cycle paths.

Councillor Shackleton noted that the report did not include much information with regards to the involvement with schools and considered it is was important to involve schools early in the process. She added there was a marked variation on the physical activities undertaken by schools and there was a need to ensure schools offered a wide range of physical activities.

Councillor Robertson commented that the 'Mile-a-day' initiative in Scotland had made a difference for schools.

Councillor Hamilton noted that the position with regards to physical activity was mixed across Birmingham and that whilst the Cycle Revolution had been successful, physical activity also needed to be linked to diet and healthy eating and considered there was an opportunity to involve young people with allotments and to teach children how to cook healthy food.

Simon Hall reported that he agreed that the report should be more explicit regarding schools and young people and would also look to include a reference to nutrition and healthy eating.

In relation to an enquiry from Sue Ibbotson regarding how the areas of actions would be measured, Simon Hall advised that a set of metrics would be submitted to this board so that progress could be monitored.

Resolved

- (1) That the appointment of a Wellbeing Physical Activity Champion to undertake the role set out in the report be approved;
- (2) That progress made in the development of the Delivery Plan and gaining commitment from local authorities and stakeholders be noted;

(3) That the establishment of the Physical Activity Insight and Intelligence Sub-Group as part of the WMCA/PHE Health Population Intelligence Network be approved and

(4) That the WMCA continue discussions with local authorities and stakeholders on developing proposals for the PE and Sport Premium for Primary Schools and initial dialogue be undertaken with Government on the feasibility of devolved funding and responsibility to the WMCA area be agreed.

09/17 Any Other Business

None notified.

10/17 Date of Next Meeting

Friday, 6 October 2017 at 1.30pm

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CHAIRMAN