

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Subject: Establishment of Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board
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Part: 1

Executive Summary:

The introduction of a Statutory Health and Wellbeing Board is a key aspect of the Health and Social Care Bill. The Board is proposed to introduce democratic legitimacy to health services, support children, young people and adult services joint commissioning through a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and support the integration of public health services into local authorities.

The Bill was introduced to Parliament on the 19 January 2011 and the council is awaiting Statutory Instruments and related regulations before the establishment of a Statutory Board to begin in May 2013.

A development group has been in operation since November 2011 and has led on the development of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board, which is proposed to be in place by May 2012.

The group has been successful in fostering relationships with scrutiny structures within the Council and emerging local health structures. The group has also taken part in peninsula wide events to exchange best practice and learning with other authorities, monitored the development of Local Healthwatch and held an event to involve all stakeholders in the development of the Board.

Over the coming months, following the establishment of the Shadow Board, we expect to –

- Contribute to the development Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Support the establishment of the Local Clinical Commissioning Group
- Oversee the transition of Public Health into the local authority
- Oversee the creation of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- Support integrated commissioning through the established Joint Commissioning Partnership

The Shadow Board's remit will focus on reducing the city's health inequalities by -

- Reducing smoking
- Supporting vulnerable families
- Reducing the harm of alcohol
- Improving housing
- Reducing preventable disease
- Supporting mental health and positive emotional wellbeing

The membership of the statutory health and wellbeing board will be clarified and brought back to council following publication of the regulations and statutory instruments.

Corporate Plan 2012 - 2015:

The establishment of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board will support the city priorities, particularly Reducing Inequalities and Providing Value for Communities, by bringing key stakeholders together to ensure that commissioners are held to account and making decisions based on evidence provided through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

Pending clarity over resources to be made available to local authorities to undertake this new duty, costs for the establishment of the Shadow Board costs will be met within existing resources.

Other Implications: e.g. Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management and Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion

None.

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action

Subject to the passage of the Health and Social Care Bill, the establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Board as a Committee of the council will be a statutory requirement. The establishment of a Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board will ensure that the council and its partners will be fully prepared to undertake statutory functions.

The City Council is recommended to –

1. Agree the establishment of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board from May 2012;
2. Agree the membership of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board outlined in the draft terms of reference (attached).

Reasons for recommendation:

Establishment of the Shadow Board will help ensure that the Council achieves the Governments' expectation, that by April 2013 Joint Commissioning will be enhanced by a statutory Health and Wellbeing Board who will develop a Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

An alternative would be not to establish a Shadow Board, this would approach would not allow the Board to develop relationships with all stakeholders in the city and the peninsula.

The Recommended action would allow the council to prepare for an effective statutory Health and Wellbeing Board.

Background papers:

Draft terms of reference attached.

Sign off:

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Originating SMT Member : Giles Perritt											

Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board – Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Plymouth Health and Wellbeing Board is the key partnership responsible for promoting the health and wellbeing of residents and for the integration of health and social care commissioning. Its focus will be on achieving the best possible health outcomes for children, young people and adults, which will contribute to the wider shared strategic priorities of the city –

Reduce inequalities – reducing the gap, particularly in health, between communities.

Deliver Growth – develop Plymouth as a thriving growth centre by creating the conditions for investment in quality new homes, jobs and infrastructure.

Raise aspirations – promote and encourage aiming higher and taking pride in the city.

Provide value for communities – work together to maximise resources to benefit customer and make internal efficiencies.

Principles

The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board will be guided by the following principles, group members will –

- Acknowledge the shared commitment to improve and maintain the health and wellbeing of those who live, study and work in Plymouth
- Operate an ‘open border policy’ to ensure that organisational boundaries are not a hindrance to the development of the Statutory Health and Wellbeing Board and improved integrated commissioning
- Acknowledge that the sharing of knowledge and data will be essential to the development of an effective Health and Wellbeing Board and associated Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Respect existing effective local structures
- Ensure that all recommendations are formed from a clear and robust evidence base

Shadow Board Terms of Reference

In order to contribute to the shared strategic priorities of the city the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board will –

- Co-ordinate the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to ensure future policy and commissioning decisions are based on evidence.

- Coordinate the creation of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) and associated action plan to guide commissioning decisions. The strategy will be based on evidence from the JSNA and will focus on outcomes
- Promote integration and partnerships across all areas, including joint commissioning plans across the NHS, adult social care and public health commissioners.
- Ensure that commissioning decisions are in line with the evidence from the JSNA and the aspirations of the JHWS
- Review the financial and organisational implications of joint and integrated working across health, adult social care and children's & young people services ensuring the performance and quality standards are high and represent good value for money
- Review commissioning decisions and resolve disputes locally
- Oversee and implement the development of the statutory health and wellbeing board
- Oversee the transfer of public health responsibilities and arrangements to the local authority

Shadow Board Core Membership

Cabinet Member for Adult Health and Social Care *
 Nominated opposition member
 Cabinet member for Children and Young Peoples Services (or nomination)
 Healthwatch (LINK) *
 Chair of the local Clinical Commissioning Group *
 Director for People
 Director of Public Health *
 NHS Cluster Chief Executive (or nomination)
 University of Plymouth Representative

Asterisks indicate statutory membership of a Health and Wellbeing Board as proposed in the Health and Social Care Bill.

Beyond this core membership, the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board will decide who to invite to meetings and have flexibility to include other members, such as local representatives of the voluntary sector to provide a voice for children, young people, adults and carers.

Meeting Administration

Health and Wellbeing Board will be advertised, held in public and administered by Plymouth City Council's Democratic Support Team.

Written notice of meetings, along with the agenda and associated papers will be sent to members of the Board at least five clear working days in advance of any meeting. Late items will be distributed or tabled only in exceptional circumstances with the agreement of the Chair.

Frequency of meetings

The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board will meet at least quarterly. The date and time of the meetings will be fixed by Plymouth City Council's Democratic Support Team in consultation with partners.

Conduct

Members of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board will be expected to adhere to any code of conduct that applies to them and adhere to the working agreement.

Access to Information

The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board will be subject to access and procedure rules as set down in part F of the council's constitution.

Meeting Rules

The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board will be subject to the rules of debate as set down in appendix one (4) of the council's constitution.

Quorum

The quorum for the Board's meetings will be one third of the Board's membership. A minimum of one elected member and one clinical commissioner should be present.