

**Title of meeting:** Health and Wellbeing Board

**Date of meeting:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

**Subject:** Health and Wellbeing Board - Review

**Report by:** David Williams, Chief Executive, Portsmouth City Council

**Wards affected:** All

**Key decision:** No

**Full Council decision:** No

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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To present to the Board findings of the light-touch review of working arrangements, and make suggestions for future developments.

**2. Recommendations**

**2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:**

- Agree proposed adjustments to the membership of the Board as set out in section 5, and received revised Constitution at the September meeting
- Note the need for balance across children's and community safety issues on the agenda
- Agree to dedicating more developmental space to relevant matters where collaborative working would be beneficial, particularly those arising from the revised Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2030.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) were introduced as part of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. They are statutory in all upper tier local authorities in England. The initial Portsmouth HWB brought together Elected Members, key council officers, the Portsmouth Clinical Commissioning Group (PCCG), the NHS Commissioning Board and local Healthwatch to develop a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and deliver it through a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

- 3.2 The HWB is a statutory committee of the council and has been formally established as such since April 2013.
- 3.3 In 2019, work was undertaken to consider whether the efficiency and effectiveness of strategic partnership working in the city could be improved. It had been identified that across the three main partnerships looking at "people" issues in the city, there was significant commonality of membership, and often the same issues were being considered at each.
- 3.4 Following review, it was agreed that the Safer Portsmouth Partnership (which had been the city Community Safety Partnership) and the Children's Trust Board would be brought together under the umbrella of the Health and Wellbeing Board, reflecting the statutory nature of the Board and the extent to which the issues considered are key drivers of health and wellbeing. The Board constitution and membership were refreshed to reflect the broader agenda. It was agreed that working groups would continue to:
- broaden the core membership to include the superintendent of police, representation from Hampshire Fire and Rescue, from the National Probation Service, Community Rehabilitation Company and from the Portsmouth Education Partnership
  - broaden the objectives to include specifically the strategic assessment of needs and issues in relation to Crime and Disorder and children's wellbeing; and the requirement to maintain a relationship with the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and city safeguarding boards.
  - note that from time to time, the Board may establish sub-boards to deal with matters that are delegated to it.
- 3.5 No changes to voting rights were proposed as these related, and continued to relate, specifically to the role of a Health and Wellbeing Board in the commissioning of the local Health and Care system (for example, in relation to local pharmacy provision).
- 3.6 It was also agreed that after some period of time operating in the revised format, there would be a review of the ways of working and consideration given to any changes that are required.
- 4. Reviewing the ways of working**
- 4.1 From engagement with partners previously involved primarily in the Children's Trust Board and the Safer Portsmouth Partnership, there was no particular appetite expressed to return to the previous arrangements. However, there is some concern that issues relating to children and community safety are getting the right level of visibility, and it was noted that there is an opportunity for more

of these issues to be fed into the forum. The refresh of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy was felt to provide a very helpful platform for this, particularly given the priority areas around education and positive relationships.

4.2 From other partners, there was a sense that the Board was very helpful in providing a forum for partners to come together and consider issues, but also a sense that agendas are very busy and that more developmental time would be welcome, particularly to consider some of the challenging issues in more detail. Again, it was felt that the refreshed strategy may be a helpful platform for identifying issues for consideration.

4.3 It was also felt that the Board is a helpful forum for ensuring that there is a strong focus on the way that processes and structures of organisations are serving the city and achieving the necessary outcomes. Reference was made to the fact that the Board had sought to hold agencies to account for issues such as dental provision in the city, and had made representations around the fragmented nature of domestic abuse funding. It was felt that it was important to continue to shine a light on these matters on behalf of the city, and to advocate for city priorities.

## **5. Review of membership**

5.1 Since the review of the Boards in 2019, there have been some changes made to the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- the University of Portsmouth have been invited to join, and co-opted as a member
- HIVE Portsmouth has become a significant part of the health and wellbeing landscape of the city and is not currently represented directly, but there is enthusiasm for its representation
- the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner have indicated that they would like to attend meetings as the HWB functions as the city's community safety partnership
- the CCG will fold into the new integrated care system (ICS) and that will need to be reflected in the membership of the Board.

5.2 In light of these changes, it is recommended that the Terms of Reference are amended to take account of these and invitations to the Board extended accordingly. Non-statutory members will not be voting members of the board on relevant items, in line with the current way of working, so no changes are proposed to this part of the terms of reference

5.3 Revised terms of reference will be presented to the Board in September and when agreed will be recommended to the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee of the City Council.

## **6. Next steps**

6.1 Beyond the changes suggested in section 5, It is not proposed to make significant changes to the membership or terms of reference of the Board at this point, but it is worthy of note that with the demise of the Portsmouth CCG and the introduction of the statutory ICS, the HWBB is the only statutory partnership board representing the wider health and well-being interests of the city. In the light of this and the other reflections is also recommended that:

- Consideration is given to the relationship and role of the HWBB vis a vis the other elements of the new Health and Care regime, notably the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP, under development) and the Integrated Care Board (ICB)
- Consideration is given to how we use the opportunity of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy to ensure a balance on the HWB agenda across the children's and community safety agendas
- Consideration is given to creating developmental time for the Board to consider challenging issues collaboratively in more detail than the current format allows.

## **7. Reasons for recommendations**

7.1 The current HWB Terms of Reference were agreed in 2019 and incorporated the functions of the Safer Portsmouth Partnership and the Children's Trust Board, with the expectation that an opportunity to review this way of working would be given after an interval.

7.2 The recommendations reflect feedback received, changes to the legislative framework for health and care, and invite further comment and discussion.

## **8. Integrated impact assessment**

8.1 There is no change to policy or delivery recommended in the report. Detailed impact assessments will be undertaken on particular policies and initiatives as they emerge from the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## **9. Legal implications**

9.1 The basis and legality for the proposed amendments is set out in the body of the report. The appendix attached reflects the proposed changes to the Health and Wellbeing Constitution.

**10. Director of Finance's comments**

10.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations contained within this report.

10.2 Future schemes and initiatives will require financial appraisal on case by case basis in order to support decision making. Before any schemes or initiatives will be able to proceed, specific funding sources would need to be identified and in place.

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**Appendices:** None

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

<b>Title of document</b>	<b>Location</b>

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