

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on Wednesday, 16 September 2015 at 9.00 am in Conference Room A, Civic Offices, Portsmouth.

Present

Councillor Luke Stubbs (in the Chair)

Councillor Donna Jones
Councillor Neill Young

Innes Richens
Ruth Williams
Di Smith
Rob Watt
Healthwatch Portsmouth
Dianne Sherlock
Ursula Ward
Jackie Powell
Sarah Austin (for Sue Harriman)
Dr Collie
Matthew Smith (for Janet Maxwell)
Tony Horne
Dr Alalade

Officers Present

Dr Dapo Alalade
Patrick Fowler
Matt Gummerson
David Williams
Brian Bracher
Angela Dryer
Matthew Smith
Emma Fawell
Julia Katherine
Mark Sage

23. Welcome, apologies for absence and declaration of members' interests (AI 1)

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Dr Hogan and Councillor Stubbs therefore chaired this meeting. Apologies for absence had also been received on behalf of Dr Janet Maxwell, Sue Harriman and Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson. Councillor Luke Stubbs as chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited everyone at the table to introduce themselves which they did.

There were no declarations of members' interests.

24. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 June 2015 (AI 2)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2015 be confirmed and signed by the chair as a correct record.

It was suggested that an actions summary sheet be attached to the minutes in future and this was agreed.

25. Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) (AI 3)

(TAKE IN INFORMATION REPORT)

Dr Julia Katherine introduced the report and explained the background. The Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards was adopted by Portsmouth in September 2014 and this Charter requires evidence to be provided by September 2015 that seven key commitments have been achieved. The key commitments and achievements to date are shown on page 8 of the report.

The new statutory responsibilities of the Health and Well-being Board were highlighted. The effective deployment of these responsibilities will be inspected as part of the new SEND local area inspections which will start in 2016.

It was agreed that an update report would be brought to the HWB in 6 months' time.

The Chair of the Board thanked Dr Katherine for her presentation.

26. The Care Act - Presentation on Progress (AI 4)

(TAKE IN PRESENTATION)

Angela Dryer and Sara Langston provided a joint presentation on the Care Act. In response to queries the following matters were clarified:

- It was accepted that there is a need to work across sector fields and find opportunities to work together and to guard against conflicts within the city council.
- It was confirmed that difficulty in recruiting staff was not just a local issue but was a problem nationally. Basically the local authorities do not have sufficient money to fund the necessary posts.

The Chair said that the Living Wage was expensive to implement and it seemed that implementation could only be met by reductions in staffing. He thanked Angela Dryer and Sara Langston for their presentation.

27. Portsmouth Together (AI 5)

(TAKE IN INFORMATION REPORT)

Brian Bracher introduced the report which updates the Board on progress of Portsmouth Together (Cities of Service). He said that the Portsmouth Together service plan published in September 2014 had four impact volunteer initiatives

- Activate
- Portsmouth Counts
- Love Your Street and
- Love your Loft

During discussion the following issues were raised:

- It was suggested that Brian Bracher should meet with Dianne Sherlock outside the meeting to consider ways in which the ideas behind the 'Love your Loft' initiative could be revived.
- All members of the Health and Wellbeing Board were asked to give serious consideration to whether they could support Portsmouth schools by volunteering to become school governors.
- A comment was made that those who were currently unemployed may wish to volunteer but had concerns that this may affect their benefit. Brian Bracher said information about this aspect of volunteering is available on the Portsmouth Together website. In most cases volunteering had no effect on benefit as long as the Job Centre is informed and remain available for interviews.

The Chair of the Board, Councillor Luke Stubbs said there was a need to save money by building local community resilience.

28. Healthwatch Portsmouth Annual Report (AI 6)

(TAKE IN INFORMATION ONLY REPORT)

Patrick Fowler, Healthwatch Portsmouth Consultant introduced the report which presented Healthwatch Portsmouth's annual report to the Health and Wellbeing Board for consideration. He explained that Appendix A provided a summary of the Healthwatch Portsmouth annual report 2014/15 and that the full annual report for 2014/15 was presented to Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel in July 2015. Mr Fowler provided a short slide presentation which gave an overview of the work done by Healthwatch. This included

- Establishing governance structures
- Developing partnerships
- Establishing an online directory which consists of over 700 health and social care services and which is continually growing
- Advocacy - 33 individuals had been helped with their complaints.

During discussion the following points were raised

- It was agreed that all Health and Wellbeing Board members with commissioning responsibilities give consideration to the toolkit developed as part of the Wessex Community Voice project
- Innes Richens acknowledged the work done by Healthwatch and thanked them.
- Councillor Luke Stubbs said that he personally knew of one medical case that had been referred to Healthwatch and had been happy with the outcome. He thanked Patrick Fowler and Tony Horne.

The report was noted and a request was made that all HWB members with commissioning responsibilities give consideration to the toolkit developed as part of the Wessex Community Voice project.

29. Budgets: Presentation giving an overview of the council and CCG's budget positions for the years ahead (AI 8)

(TAKE IN SLIDE PRESENTATION)

The Chair agreed to hear agenda item 8, the budget presentation, before agenda item 7. The Chief Executive introduced the slides relating to the city council and provided an overview of the challenges facing the authority. He said that no adjustments had been made in the allocations to local authorities regarding their varying tax bases. So far there had been a 38% loss in funding from central government and this would rise to a 53% loss by 2018/19. He said that efficiency savings had been made but the city council had now reached the stage where further efficiency savings were difficult to identify and so other ways of making savings had to be explored. Consequently politicians were facing major issues and difficult decisions. As a result of budget pressures, Adult and Children's Social Care faced pressures to make cuts in year. The Chief Executive advised that a budget consultation was now taking place to identify how savings could be made and this would inevitably lead to cuts.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Donna Jones said that feedback was important to assist with the budget process and advised measures being taken to encourage residents to engage with the process.

Innes Richens introduced the slides concerning the Clinical Commissioning Group. He outlined the challenges and said that there was a need for a citywide approach to work up joint savings plans.

Following the presentation a comment was made that care must be taken not to shift issues from one place to another - for example although cutting preventative services would have no immediate effect, problems would be stored up for the future.

Councillor Stubbs thanked David Williams and Innes Richens for their presentation and said that PCC and CCG faced huge financial pressure.

The Health and Wellbeing Board noted the presentations.

30. A Proposal for Portsmouth: A Blueprint for Health and Care in Portsmouth (AI 7)

(TAKE IN REPORT AND APPENDIX)

Innes Richens introduced the report which sets out a proposed direction and model for health and care in Portsmouth. He explained that the paper is being brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board for open discussion and debate and endorsement.

He advised that the Portsmouth blueprint was set out in Appendix 1 and the key commitments were set out on page 3 of that appendix. He said that basically the aim is to create a single health and care system for the city to include delivery of services but also planning, commissioning and managing of those services.

He urged members of the Board to read the blueprint and asked the Health and Wellbeing Board to support its aims in principle.

During discussion the following matters were raised:

- Sarah Austin that that Solent supports the blueprint and had taken it to their Board for approval. Ursula Ward said that Portsmouth Hospitals Trust support the approach in the Blueprint and that she would take this forward to the PHT board.
- Councillor Luke Stubbs said that PCC also supported the blueprint.
- Rob Watt endorsed the blueprint but cautioned that it must embrace the Care Act within it. He also commented that the level of integration in Portsmouth was already very good.
- It was agreed that Innes Richens would meet with Healthwatch Portsmouth to discuss the communication and engagement with local communities around the system's plans for the future as set out in the Blueprint document.
- The Leader of the Council, Councillor Donna Jones said that she was concerned about the speed of delivery as there would be impacts such as requiring much work on procurement for example with IT provision.
- It was agreed that PCC co-ordinate a letter countersigned by the CCG, PHT and Solent to the Secretary of State setting out local partners' plans for the health and care system in Portsmouth.
- Ursula Ward said that she would raise issues in the blueprint at the National Health Leaders event that she was due to attend on 17 September.
- David Williams said that it was important that staff and clients see close partnership working among the various groups. He said that care was needed to manage the geographical and demographic differences.
- It was agreed that PHCE meet again to develop more detailed plans for consideration by the Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2015.

RESOLVED that the Health and Wellbeing Board

- (1) support in principle the statements in the Portsmouth Blueprint for Health and Care;
- (2) require a more detailed report on the development of these proposals be brought to the Board meeting on 2 December 2015.

..... 31. **Public Health Annual Report (AI 9)**

It was agreed that this item would be deferred to the next meeting.

32. **Tackling Poverty Strategy (AI 10)**

(TAKE IN REPORT)

Mark Sage, Lead Officer for Tackling Poverty, advised that the purpose of the report was to seek approval from the Health and Wellbeing Board for Portsmouth's new Tackling Poverty Strategy 2015/20 and accompanying action plan. He advised that Portsmouth's Tackling Poverty Needs Assessment was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board in April 2015 and that a tackling poverty strategy had subsequently been developed based on the findings from this needs assessment and also from wider consultation. The new strategy had been circulated to the Health and Wellbeing Board with a request for feedback by 11 August 2015 and this feedback had now been incorporated into the revised version of the strategy. The action plan that had been developed is attached as Appendix A to the report.

In response to a query regarding the involvement of Citizens Advice Bureau in the strategy, Mark Sage confirmed that Portsmouth Citizens Advice Bureau is one of a number of important advice agencies in the city that are involved in the strategy, and that the forthcoming Portsmouth Advice Services Partnership event would look at how advice services can work together in the future.

RESOLVED (1) that the Health and Wellbeing Board considered the strategy and action plan for any final feedback at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting;

(2) that the chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board be authorised to sign off the final strategy and action plan on behalf of the Board for publication;

(3) that authority to amend the action plan as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report is approved.

33. **Date of next meeting (AI 11)**

The next meeting is scheduled for 2 December 2015.

The meeting concluded at 10.55 am.

Councillor Luke Stubbs, Chair