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Purpose: For Decision

# Committee report

Committee HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Date 25 JULY 2019

Title REVIEW OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING

**BOARD'S TERMS OF REFERENCE** 

Report of LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1. The council is required to establish and maintain a Health and Wellbeing Board under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The Health and Wellbeing Board provides the forum that promotes partnership working between health and care services on the Isle of Wight.
- 2. At the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on the 31 January 2019, a decision was taken to review the Health and Wellbeing Board terms of reference. The purpose of this review was to amend the terms of reference to clarify and better reflect the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 3. Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to consider and recommend adoption of the proposed terms of reference (Appendix 1), and the Isle of Wight Council's constitution (Article 13) is amended to reflect this.

# **BACKGROUND**

- 4. The Health and Wellbeing Board is a committee of the council under section 102 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972. The council has arranged under section 101 of that act for the discharge by the board of such functions as are set out in the terms of reference.
- 5. The purpose of the board is to improve the health and wellbeing of the residents of the Isle of Wight and reduce current health inequalities. The board works with partner agencies in delivering improvements to the provision of health, adult and children's social care and housing services.
- 6. The board is responsible for the developing systems and ensuring:
  - an up to date Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and other appropriate assessments are in place;

- the development of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) for the Isle of Wight;
- that partnership working between health and care services is effective;
- the need to identify and address health inequalities within the local community.

## **STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

- 7. The Health and Wellbeing Board's terms of reference contributes to the Isle of Wight Council's Corporate Strategy including the core values:
  - People take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.
  - Vulnerable people are protected and supported
- 8. The Corporate Strategy also identifies that there is a need to ensure that we receive support from partners in the delivery and application of the JHWS.

#### **CONSULTATION**

- 9. No formal consultation has been undertaken.
- Health and Wellbeing Board members will be given the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed terms of reference at the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 25 July 2019.

#### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11. The council is required to establish and maintain a Health and Wellbeing Board under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- 12. The Health and Wellbeing Board provide the forum in which the local authority and Clinical Commissioning Group carry out their functions in relation to the JSNA and the JHWS. The Health and Wellbeing Board is established as a formal committee of the local authority under the Local Government Act 1972 and therefor requires an adopted terms of reference.
- 13. The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory duty to produce the JSNA and the JHWS as well as a duty to encourage integrated working.

#### **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY**

- 14. Under the Equality Act 2010 we are required to have due regard to our equality duties when making decisions, reviewing services, undertaking projects, developing and reviewing policies.
- 15. The Health and Wellbeing Board's terms of reference clearly shows that one of the main objectives of the board is to address identified health and social care

- needs. This will contribute to the identification of health inequalities and as such will promote equality in our local community.
- 16. It should be noted that the purpose of the amendments to the terms of reference have been to clarify and better reflect the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board. It has also provided the opportunity to bring Article 13 in line to reflect the context and style of the other articles within the Isle of Wight Council's constitution.
- 17. Because of this, amendments have mainly consisted of removal of contextual, aspirational and descriptive information along with definitions and details regarding the JSNA and JHWS. This level of detail has led to a far lengthier article which has been questioned by some. Some alterations have also been required for factual accuracy due to changes within the local heath and care sector since the terms of reference were last reviewed.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

18. That the Health and Wellbeing Board agrees and recommends adoption of the proposed terms of reference and the Isle of Wight Council's constitution is amended to reflect this.

# APPENDICES ATTACHED

19. Appendix 1: Proposed Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference.

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