

Bath & North East Somerset Council	
MEETING:	Health and Wellbeing Board
MEETING DATE:	26 th March 2014
TITLE:	LGA Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge
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AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	
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Appendix One – LGA HWB Peer Challenge Feedback Report	

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Bath and North East Somerset took part in an LGA Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge from 27th January – 30th January 2014. This report sets out the key feedback from the Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge team and proposed next steps.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Board is asked to:

- 2.1 Thank stakeholders from across the health and wellbeing sector for the participation in and contribution to the peer challenge.
- 2.2 Note the key feedback from the Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge
- 2.3 Agree next steps for learning from and responding to this feedback

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from this report. However, the findings from the report may influence future work planning.
- 3.2 Costs of the Peer Challenge were met by the Local Government Association.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge is designed to support councils in implementing new health statutory responsibilities. It is intended that the feedback from the challenge will support the future development and planning of the local health and wellbeing system.

5 THE REPORT

5.1 Bath and North East Somerset took part in an LGA Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge from 27th January – 30th January 2014. Through a busy programme of discussions, observation and focus groups over 4 days, the peer team explored how the council and its partners are working together to deliver health and wellbeing outcomes for local communities

5.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board worked in partnership with the LGA to agree the scope of the peer challenge. The framework for the peer challenge was based on 5 headline questions:

- 1) Is there a clear and appropriate approach to improving the health and wellbeing of local residents?
- 2) Is the Health and Wellbeing Board at the heart of an effective governance system? Does leadership work well across the local system?
- 3) Are local resources, commitment and skills across the system maximised to achieve local health and wellbeing priorities?
- 4) Are there effective arrangements for evaluating impacts of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy?
- 5) Are there effective arrangements for underpinning accountability of the public?

The peer team also looked at 2 local Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority areas and explored how effectively the system tackles these issues:

- Helping children to be a healthy weight
- Reducing rates of alcohol misuse

5.3 As part of the challenge the peer team met with a range of services, local Councillors, health and social care providers and partners. The peer team considered relationships, leadership, integration, strategy and delivery.

Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge feedback report

5.4 Following the 4 day visit, the peer team presented their reflections and recommendations in a report. The report presents many positive aspects to our health and wellbeing system including our commitment to improve health outcomes and reduce inequality. Comments within the report include:

Relationships that form part of the health, care and wellbeing system are very strong

The transfer of public health was planned and delivered very well

B&NES HWB is setting the stage to provide effective system leadership in the future

There's a strong understanding of health needs

Joint commissioning is part of the DNA of the health, care and wellbeing system

Ambitious in seeking to address the wider determinants of health

Key suggestions for the health and wellbeing system to consider

5.5 The report also outlined some areas for consideration in future development and work planning:

Build the capacity of Healthwatch

Go further in reducing the health inequality gap

Make the most of communications to promote the HWB vision and ambitions

Ensure effective delivery and monitoring of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Articulate what we want our health and wellbeing system to look like in 5 years' time

Go further with our relationship with providers to co-design solutions

Next steps

5.6 There are already a number of activities underway in relation to the recommendations and challenges made by the peer team. For example our new Strategic Advisory Group, which provides a forum for engaging with larger health and social care providers.

5.7 The Health and Wellbeing Board will be holding a development session in April to consider the key peer challenge recommendations in more detail and next steps.

6 RATIONALE

6.1 The peer challenge process has provided a valuable external review of our health and wellbeing system in Bath and North East Somerset. It has enabled us to reflect on our strengths, explore how we can maximise our effectiveness and drive forward our potential to be at the forefront of innovation and transformation. The peer challenge feedback sets out a number of recommendations which are intended to further support the Health and Wellbeing Board as it develops.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 Representatives from a range of parties participated in the Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge including Council, NHS B&NES Clinical Commissioning Group, Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny, partner agencies, local providers and voluntary sector organisations.

8.2 Consultation on this report has taken place with the Health and Wellbeing Board Chair and Strategic Director, People and Communities. The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director - Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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Background papers	Local Government Association (LGA) Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge webpages - http://www.local.gov.uk/peer-challenges/-/journal_content/56/10180/3511124/ARTICLE
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