

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Council	
MEETING DATE:	17 November 2022	
TITLE:	Approval of revised Terms of Reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board	
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List of attachments to this report: Revised Terms of Reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Terms of Reference of the B&NES Health and Wellbeing Board have been updated in light of changes in legislation and in the wider integrated health and social care context.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Council is asked to;

- 2.1 Note the proposed changes to the Health and Wellbeing Board's Terms of Reference, which include changes to the Board's vision and membership in particular.
- 2.2 Note the addition of the Bristol, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board to its membership, as part of the statutory requirements of the 2022 Health and Care Act.
- 2.3 Approve the updated Terms of Reference for the B&NES Health and Wellbeing Board.

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards were established under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 for every upper tier local authority to build strong and effective partnerships and have a set of functions and a core membership. The statutory requirements of the Board are outlined in the attached Terms of Reference.

3.2 Core statutory membership includes the following:

- (1) At least one councillor of the upper tier local authority nominated by the Leader of the council
- (2) The director of adult social services for the upper tier local authority
- (3) The director of children's services for the upper tier local authority
- (4) The director of public health for the upper tier local authority
- (5) A representative of the Local Healthwatch organisation for the area of the local authority
- (6) A representative of each relevant Integrated Care Board

3.3 The Health and Care Act (2022) amends the Health and Social Care Act (2012) replacing the representative of the Clinical Commissioning Group with a representative from the Integrated Care Board (ICB). The Act also details other requirements relating to the ICB's Joint Forward Plan and strategy documents which will require the Integrated Care Board to engage with the Health and Wellbeing Board formally. This relationship is set out in the revised Terms of Reference.

3.4 In advance of the creation of the new B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board on 1st July 2022, the B&NES Health and Wellbeing Board embarked on a development programme with the Local Government Association to clarify its leadership roles and responsibilities within the context of wider system changes.

3.5 Three key issues were identified by the HWB during this process:

- (1) The need for the Board to develop a vision, strategy and compelling narrative for Health and Wellbeing in B&NES
- (2) Greater clarity on the role and purpose of the HWB in the context of the new integrated health & care landscape
- (3) How the HWB should operate to ensure it maximises its potential and the contribution on all partners.

3.6 In response, the Health and Wellbeing Board has taken the following action:

- (1) The Terms of Reference have been updated to include the new vision, new statutory requirements, the role of the Board in being concerned with the broad range of factors that influence health and wellbeing, and its relationship to the wider integrated health and care landscape.
- (2) Work has begun on updating the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy through a wide engagement process with stakeholders and local communities. The updated strategy should be available by end January 2023.
- (3) A new vision for the Board and strategy has been developed and agreed, that reflect the purpose and scope of the Board, is aligned with the vision of the Integrated Care Alliance, and which included a focus on addressing inequalities.
- (4) Work is ongoing to address issue (3) in section 3.5.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The statutory considerations are set out in section 3 of this report.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 The direct resource implications have been the time and capacity of Health and Wellbeing Board members.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

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

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 One of the functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board is to improve health and reduce inequalities. The plans, programmes and activities that different partnership boards will develop and implement in fulfilment of the Board's Health and Wellbeing Strategy would be expected to complete EIAs as appropriate.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 The work of the Health and Wellbeing Board aims to have a positive impact on the current climate position.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None. Not updating the Terms of Reference is not an option in light of the abolition of Clinical Commissioning Groups and the establishment of Integrated Care Boards.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 This report has been considered by the relevant Council officers.

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Background papers	Updated Terms of Reference
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