

SHADOW DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Monday 25th July, 2011 at 3.00 p.m.
In Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillors Ali, Mrs Faulkner and Mrs Walker
Acting Director of Children's Services
Assistant Director Planning and Environmental Health (Directorate of the Urban Environment) and Chairman of Safeguarding Board (Children) – Assistant Director Children and Families (Directorate of Children's Services)
Dr D Hegarty and Dr N Plant – Dudley GP Commissioning Consortium
Mrs G Cooper – Chair of Dudley PCT
Mr D Orme – LINKs – Chairman
Mr A Gray – Dudley CVS CEO
Mr D Hogson – Director of Dudley Community Partnership
Assistant Director Policy, Performance and Resources (Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services), Assistant Director Performance and Partnership (Directorate of Children's Services) and Mr J Jablonski (Directorate of Corporate Resources).

Together with 1 member of the public

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs Faulkner be elected Chairman of the Shadow Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board for the remainder of the current municipal year.

(Councillor Mrs Faulkner - in the Chair)

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs Walker be appointed Vice Chairman of the Shadow Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board for the remainder of the current municipal year.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services, Mr N Bucktin (Dudley GP Commissioning Consortium), the Director of Public Health and Dr S Cartwright (Managing Director NHS Dudley).

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Member declared an interest in any matter to be considered at this meeting.

It was noted that the Standards Committee of the Council had granted a general dispensation to elected Members and the voting non elected representative from requirements relating to personal interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct given the nature of the business to be transacted at meetings.

5 SHADOW DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – FIRST STEPS FOR DUDLEY

A joint report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services, Acting Director of Children's Services and Director of the Urban Environment had been submitted on the first steps in establishing the work of the Shadow Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board as a new Council Committee in Dudley.

A number of Appendices attached either to the report or as separate documents were also submitted, as follows:-

Appendix 1 – Dudley's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment of Health and Wellbeing in Dudley.

Appendix 2 – Dudley's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

Appendix 3 – Strategies of the former Dudley Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

Appendix 4 – Shadow Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board Membership.

Appendix 5 – Shadow Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board terms of reference and protocols.

By way of an overarching introduction to the Board's role a presentation entitled "The Challenge for Us" was displayed electronically at the meeting and copies of the presentation were circulated at the meeting.

A copy of the presentation would be uploaded to the Council's Committee Management Information System.

The Assistant Director Policy, Performance and Resources, the Assistant Director Planning and Environmental Health and the Assistant Director Performance and Partnership commented on aspects of the presentation which set the scene for the position in Dudley relating to headings entitled Our People, Our Place, Assets as Well as Needs – an overview of the determinants of Health and wellbeing in our neighbourhoods including the natural environment, built environment, local economy and lifestyle, aspects relating to Children and Young People in Dudley, aspects in respect of Adults, Lifestyle, Long Term Conditions and in respect of Older People.

Overall , the presentation set out the current position in respect of the population of Dudley in the context of its environment and challenges for the future.

Following the conclusion of the presentations given all those involved in preparing the presentation were thanked.

Arising from the initial comments made a number of comments were raised, in particular, relating to:-

1. It was recognised that a lot of good work and progress had already been made in some areas; that many of the issues raised were already recognised and that there was already a number of targets.

However, the Board had a lot of work to do in developing a joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and identifying the gaps in the current provision and those groups/services who could supply the information required.

This first meeting was though a start to working together, flagging up issues and challenges to develop a strategy for the population of the Borough as a whole.

2. Whilst the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment was recognised as a source document for the Board and a good starting document it had been produced for a different purpose than that now required.

This was highlighted by comments made about:-

- a) Apart from the section of the presentation relating to determinants of health and wellbeing in our neighbourhood there were few other references to wellbeing in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and other documentation submitted; the emphasis being on health.

There was therefore a need to remedy this and consider Wellbeing in its widest sense.

However there needed to be a clear definition of what was meant by Wellbeing and how it could be measured.

- b) That the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment was adult focused with a lot of statistics. However, age related aspects did not provide the full picture. The new strategy therefore needed to include details in respect of children and young people.

There was considered to be a need for research about children and young people to be undertaken identifying key issues and being evidence based.

3. There was a need to bring forward a whole population agenda, improving knowledge with a joint agenda and joint approach.
4. The proposed Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy needed to be an overarching strategy which when achieved would be a key success.

It should focus on a smaller number of the key indicators for example in respect of children those with disabilities, under 16 conception rates and in respect of early intervention programmes, be less focussed on statistical information, eliminate jargon and acronyms and have measures at the end of the first year so as to demonstrate progress made. Partnership working was of paramount importance.

Overall it should be clear, informative, user friendly and easily understood by all its target audiences especially if/when it became a document which was more publicly available.

Given earlier comments there needed to be specific inclusion in respect of children and young people and Wellbeing.

5. There should be an emphasis on making things happen. There should also be further engagement not only with the population at large but with other services such as optician and pharmacies.
6. There was a need for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy to add value and not just be another strategy to go with all the other strategies produced with a clear view as to what was currently going on and on what was to be achieved.
7. There was an indication that there would in due course be a need for pooled budgets and re-enablement so as to provide sustainable care.

RESOLVED

1. That the comments raised at the meeting about the wider purposes and approaches for health and social care in Dudley in the context of the changing scenario and based on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, Appendices 1 and 2 to the report submitted, respectively, be noted.

2. That the initial consideration given at the meeting to the direction on how to approach the work of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy be noted for further consideration, possibility at Sub Committees of the Board to be appointed in due course and at proposed Development sessions.
3. That the need to consider further issues of consultation/engagement with people of all ages who use services, carers and anyone concerned with the wider determinants of health be recognised together with the need in due course to undertake further promotional activity in respect of this.
4.
 - a) That approval be given to the holding of Shadow Board Development Sessions with a provider to be appointed.
 - b) That the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services be authorised to make the necessary arrangements both as regards the provision of a provider and for the holding of the sessions.
 - c) That the Assistant Director Policy, Performance and Resources be requested to arrange for the three Dudley GP Commissioning Consortium Members to receive details of the dates on which sessions were proposed to be held.
5. That the former Dudley Health and Wellbeing Partnership strategies, attached as Appendix 3 to the report submitted, be noted.
6. That the membership of the Shadow Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board, attached as Appendix 4 to the report submitted, be noted.
7.
 - a) That, subject to the following amendments, approval be given to the Terms of Reference and Protocols of the Shadow Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board, Appendix 5 to the report submitted:-

Under the heading "Purpose"

- i) The addition of the words "outcomes for all" to the first bullet point.
- ii) The deletion of the words "children and adults" in the first line of the second bullet point and substitution of the words "the population of the Borough as a whole" therefor.
- iii) The deletion of the words "patients and tax payers" in the first line of the third bullet point and substitution of the words "the benefit of the people of Dudley" therefor.

Under the heading "Role"

- iv) Addition of the following to the second role “(e.g. Children’s Centres and Schools)”.
- v) Deletion of the word “Children’s” as it first appears in the seventh role.

Under the heading “Protocols”

- vi) The fifth paragraph to revert to its original wording, as follows:-

The Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services shall be authorised to amend the Membership in accordance with wishes expressed by the Board.

- vii) Under the sub heading – Meetings of the Board - the third paragraph to be amended by the deletion of the words “Dudley PCT”.
- b) That, subject to confirmation that the Terms of Reference and Protocols were in accordance with the latest guidance, they be referred to the Director of Corporate Resources, so that, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services, they might be approved, as updated, and that once updated and approved they be forwarded to all Members of the Board for information.
8. That suggestions for raising the profile of the Board be invited for submission to the Assistant Director Policy, Performance and Resources for consideration in due course and implementation once the Board had become established.
 9. That further consideration of undertaking an Equality Impact Assessment in connection with the work of the Board be deferred pending further consideration of the content of the work programme of the Board and carried out when considering action having a direct impact on the people of Dudley.
 - 10 That in relation to the Board’s possible delivery mechanisms, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report submitted, further consideration of this matter be deferred pending the holding of the Board’s Development sessions.
 - 11 That a report to be submitted by the Assistant Director Planning and Environmental Health on examples of good practice in relation to the determinants of health and Wellbeing in our neighbourhood be included in the work programme of the Board.
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6 DATES AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED

That future meetings of the Board be held at 3.00 p.m. in the Council House, Dudley on the following dates:-

Wednesday, 5th October, 2011
Monday, 30th January, 2012; and
Monday, 30th April, 2012

The meeting ended at 4.40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN