

TITLE	Local Government Association Health and Wellbeing Board Peer Review – Final Report
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health and Wellbeing Board on 11 August 2016
WARD	None Specific
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OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Improvements to the functioning of the Health and Wellbeing Board will support better strategic planning for the health and wellbeing of the community.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the contents of the report (attached as Appendix A) are noted and the Local Government Association's recommendations are adopted.
- 2) That an action plan is developed in response to the recommendations, to be tabled for consideration by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its October 2016 meeting.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Reports on the outcome of the Local Government Association review of the effectiveness of Wokingham's Health and Wellbeing Board and the opportunities for joint working with the Reading Health and Wellbeing Board and the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board, which together cover a recognised health and social care system and economy.

Background

From 1 April 2013, responsibility for public health and other health services was given to local agencies, including councils, clinical commissioning groups and the new health and wellbeing boards. The Local Government Association (LGA) has been convening national partners, including the Department of Health, NHS England, the NHS Confederation, Public Health England, Healthwatch England and the Association of Directors of Public Health, to provide a 'Health and Wellbeing System Improvement Programme' for health and wellbeing boards, local authorities, clinical commissioning groups and local Healthwatch organisations.

One of the core national elements of the LGA's offer is:

Peer challenge – this tried and tested LGA sector-led improvement tool has been developed collaboratively for health and wellbeing. Councils can commission the challenge to focus on local public health, health and wellbeing board and local Healthwatch priorities.

Conscious that there was a need for further development and improvement to its function and the interdependencies with its neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Boards, Wokingham Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to invite the LGA Peer Review Team to undertake a joint review of the three Health and Wellbeing Boards

Analysis of Issues

The Wokingham peer challenge was part of an integrated programme taking place across Reading Borough Council, West Berkshire Council and Wokingham Borough Council. The peer team spent a day in each area, addressing five local headline questions:

1. To what extent is the purpose and role of the Health and Wellbeing Board established?
2. How strong is work with key partners to develop system leadership?
3. To what extent is the Health and Wellbeing Board ensuring the delivery of the health and wellbeing strategy?
4. To what extent is there a clear approach to engagement and communication?
5. To what extent is the Health and Wellbeing Board enabling closer integration and the change to a more cohesive and effective health system?

There were 3 additional questions that the Berkshire West health and wellbeing system wanted to explore across the patch:

6. Are there any opportunities for the three boards to work together and if so do they meet clearly identified needs and can they be shown to be beneficial to local residents in all 3 areas?
7. Are there any opportunities for the three boards to work together to further develop their individual leadership roles in the integration of Health & Social care?
8. Is there opportunity for the three boards to frame and energise the integration agenda across Berkshire West?

The report's key recommendations are: -

- If you really want to be the local leader for health and wellbeing, pick up the

pace!

- Be really clear about your role and purpose, and what you want to achieve
- Show that you are holding the whole system to account for delivering improvement
- Make sure you have the capacity to manage the workload
- Collaborate with your neighbours where this makes sense, and maintain their trust.
- Build a unified and simple dashboard for performance management
- Be prepared to hold difficult conversations

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	Not known	Expected to be fully funded	Revenue
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	Not known	Expected to be fully funded	Revenue

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

No decision required, for information only

Cross-Council Implications

Opportunity to share resources for effective Board management.

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

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