

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY 2015

Present: Dr Bal Bahia (Newbury and District CCG), Adrian Barker (Healthwatch), Dr Barbara Barrie (North and West Reading CCG), Councillor Marcus Franks (Portfolio Holder for Health and Well Being), Dr Lise Llewellyn (Public Health), Councillor Gwen Mason (Shadow Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder), Councillor Irene Neill (Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People), Rachael Wardell (WBC - Community Services) and Councillor Keith Chopping (Portfolio Holder for Community Care)

Also Present: Jessica Bailiss (WBC - Executive Support), Lesley Wyman (WBC - Public Health & Wellbeing), Councillor Quentin Webb, Tandra Forster (WBC - Adult Social Care) and Councillor Roger Hunneman (Deputy Liberal Democrat Group Leader)

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting: Leila Ferguson, Councillor Gordon Lundie, Cathy Winfield and Nikki Luffingham

Councillor(s) Absent:

PART I

74 Declarations of Interest

Dr Bal Bahia and Dr Barbara Barrie declared an interest in all matters pertaining to Primary Care, by virtue of the fact that they were General Practitioners, but reported that, as their interest was not personal, prejudicial or a disclosable pecuniary interest, they determined to remain to take part in the debate and vote on the matters where appropriate.

75 The Better Care Fund Plans

Councillor Marcus Franks reported that at the last Special Meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board the sign off of the Better Care Fund (BCF) Plans had been deferred until the subsequent meeting of the Board.

The Department of Health (DH) had confirmed that funding for the Care Act would not be forthcoming and therefore there would be a funding gap that would need addressing. This would be the responsibility of the whole of the health and social care economy.

Rachael Wardell reported that the Board needed to ratify the submission of the BCF Plans. Nothing had fundamentally changed since the Board last saw the plans. Information received by the DH left the Council exploring other avenues for funding.

Councillor Gwen Mason referred to the £1.5 million that the Clinical Commissioning Group was due to contribute towards the funding gap and queried if this was still at risk, as this had been stated as a possibility at the previous Special Meeting of the Board. Councillor Franks confirmed that if the Board signed and submitted the plans this money would not be at risk.

Councillor Irene Neill advocated signing off the BCF Plans however expressed her dissatisfaction with how the DH had handled the situation. Councillor Keith Chopping concurred with Councillor Neill and suggested that the Council should send a letter to the DH accompanying the BCF Plans stating how dissatisfied it was with the process.

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Councillor Franks proposed that the Health and Wellbeing Board sign off the BCF Plans. This was seconded by Councillor Neill.

RESOLVED that the BCF plans were signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board and submitted to the DH.

RESOLVED that a letter to be sent from the Council to the DH accompanying the BCF Plans, expressing the Council's disappointment with the way the situation regarding the Care Act had been handled.

(The meeting commenced at 11.15 am and closed at 11.45 am)

CHAIRMAN

Date of Signature