

Title of Report:	Health and Wellbeing Board - Governance
Report to be considered by:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Date of Meeting:	24 July 2014
Forward Plan Ref:	N/a

Purpose of Report: To propose changes to the Membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Recommended Action: To approve the additional members of the Board as set out in Paragraph 2.1.

Reason for decision to be taken: To ensure that the membership of the Board remains appropriately given the challenges it faces.

Other options considered: N/A

Key background documentation: Health and Social Care Act 2012

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the following Council Strategy priorities:

- CSP1 – Caring for and protecting the vulnerable**
- CSP2 – Promoting a vibrant district**
- CSP3 – Improving education**

The proposals will also help achieve the following Council Strategy principles:

- CSP6 - Living within our means**
- CSP9 - Doing what's important well**

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Council Strategy priorities and principles by:

Ensuring that the appropriate Health and Wellbeing Partners work more closely together to deliver the priorities set out in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

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Implications

Policy:	The report accords with the Council's statutory obligations to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board.
Financial:	N/A
Personnel:	N/A
Legal/Procurement:	This report accords with the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
Property:	N/A
Risk Management:	N/A

Executive Summary

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board has been in existence since 1 April 2013. More recently workshops have been held to look at a variety of challenges for the Board such as integration and governance. This report looks at the issue of membership of the Board.
- 1.2 Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 required the Council to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 1.3 The Act requires the Board to have at least the following members appointed to it:
 - (i) At least one Councillor of the Local Authority,
 - (ii) The Director of Adult Social Services and the Director of Children's Services (in West Berkshire Council's case this is the Director of Community Service),
 - (iii) The Director of Public Health (the Assistant Director of Public Health will represent the Strategic Director of Public Health),
 - (iv) A representative from the Clinical Commissioning Groups; and
 - (v) A representative from the Local Healthwatch organisation for the area.
- 1.4 The Health and Wellbeing Board is permitted to appoint such other persons or representatives of such other persons as the Local Authority thinks appropriate.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

- 2.1 There is no decision to be made and therefore no Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken.

Executive Report

2 Introduction

- 1.1 Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires the Council to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board. This was achieved on 1 April 2013. Although it was expected that the legislation would be drafted in such a way as to enable the Board to be established as a “partnership”, this was not the case and the Council had to establish the Board as a Sub-Committee of the Executive. This meant disapplying various pieces of legislation (proportionality rules and voting rights).
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 - (vi) The Director of Public Health (the Assistant Director of Public Health will represent the Strategic Director of Public Health),
 - (vii) A representative from the Clinical Commissioning Groups; and
 - (viii) A representative from the Local Healthwatch organisation for the area.
- 1.3 The Health and Wellbeing Board is permitted to appoint such other persons or representatives of such other persons as the Local Authority thinks appropriate. In addition to the statutory appointments, the Board also appointed an additional Member from West Berkshire Council and a representative from Empowering West Berkshire, the umbrella organisation for the Voluntary and Community Sector.
- 1.3.1 The Board currently has eight Members appointed to it.

2.0 Review of Membership

- 2.1 In order to ensure that the Board is equipped to meet the challenges it faces moving forwards it is proposed that the membership of the Board be increased as follows:
- (i) Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People
 - (ii) Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care
 - (iii) Representative from the NHS England Local Area Team
 - (iv) An additional representative from the CCGs.
- 2.2 The affect of this proposal would mean that the Board would increase to 12 Members.
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Appendices

There are no appendices.

Consultees

Local Stakeholders: N/A

Officers Consulted: Nick Carter, Jessica Bailiss

Trade Union: N/A