

Title of Report:	Berkshire West Health and Wellbeing Challenge
Report to be considered by:	The Health and Wellbeing Board
Date of Meeting:	24 th September 2015

Purpose of Report: To inform the Board about the Peer Challenge proposed for December 2015.

Recommended Action: For information

<i>When decisions of the Health and Wellbeing Board impact on the finances or general operation of the Council, recommendations of the Board must be referred up to the Executive for final determination and decision.</i>		
Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Council's Executive for final determination?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Is this item relevant to equality?	Please tick relevant boxes	Yes	No
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:			
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Outcome Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality. In this instance please give details of how the item impacts upon the equality streams under the executive report section as outlined.			

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Executive Report

1. What is a Peer Challenge

- 1.1 Peer Challenges form part of the Local Government Association's (LGA) core support programme to Local Authorities. The process is commissioned by a council or a group of councils and involves a small team of local government peers (and relevant partner organisations as appropriate) spending time at a Council to provide challenge and share learning. The LGA's programme of health and wellbeing peer challenges are currently subsidised by the Department of Health and are therefore free to Councils and Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs).
- 1.2 Peer challenge is not inspection. The process is based on a view that organisations learn better from peers and are open to challenge.

2. A Berkshire West Health and Wellbeing Peer Review

- 2.1 It has been proposed that a Berkshire West Peer Challenge take place involving West Berkshire, Wokingham and Reading Local Authorities in December 2015.
- 2.2 The Peer Challenge will be improvement focused and will involve a bespoke team from a range of organisations working on site with each council and its partners for four days. They will provide feedback on the challenge on the final day with a follow-up written report 3 weeks later
- 2.3 A typical team involves:
 - A lead peer – normally a council chief executive or strategic director;
 - An elected member (normally the chair of a HWB) with significant health experience;
 - A director of public health;
 - A senior manager from a CCG;
 - Another peer, depending on the scope of the challenge, for example a specific health expert, a national peer or a Healthwatch representative;
 - LGA challenge manager.
- 2.4 The team will explore how each council and its partners are working together to deliver successful health outcomes through their HWB. Through a comprehensive programme of discussions, observations, workshops, focus groups and visits, the peer team will develop and feedback its findings and recommendations at the end of the three days.
- 2.5 The peer challenge will focus on the HWB and partners who form the local health and wellbeing system, recognising that 2015/16 brings a window of opportunity to put HWBs in the driving seat of local system leadership whilst being able to take on a place-based approach to commissioning adult social care/health and address the wider determinants of health. The peer challenges are focused on enabling the

leadership of HWBs to move into this space effectively. In this context the peer challenge focuses on the following elements:

- ensuring clarity of purpose of the board
- building a model of shared leadership within the board
- working with partners to develop the systems leadership role
- ensuring delivery and impact
- integration and system redesign

2.6 As part of the process, HWBs are also encouraged to specify a particular local focus they would like the peer challenge team to explore.

3. Next Steps

3.1 A scoping meeting is taking place on 7th September 2015 with Wokingham and Reading local authorities. Representing West Berkshire will be the Chairman of the HWB and the Head of Public Health. More information about the process will be provided once this meeting has taken place.

4. Equalities

4.1 This item is not relevant to equality.

Appendices

There are no Appendices to this report.

Consultees

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