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# Health and Wellbeing Board Membership

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**Report being considered by:** Health and Wellbeing Board

**On:** 30 May 2019

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**Item for:** Decision

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## 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the current status of the Board's membership, following the appointment of new members to represent employers and major healthcare providers in January 2018.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board appoint the Head of Public Health and Wellbeing at West Berkshire Council as a member.
- 2.2 That the number of named CCG representatives is reduced to two following the Berkshire West CCG merger.
- 2.3 That the Board clarifies that one shadow portfolio holder for health and wellbeing from each Political Group on the Council may be a member of the Board.
- 2.4 That one seat for employer representatives is removed and one maintained pending feedback from Vodafone. Further employer engagement to take place through the Skills and Enterprise Partnership.
- 2.5 That a representative from the arts and culture sector be invited to join the Board.

<b>Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Executive for final determination?</b>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## 3. Introduction

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 established Health and Wellbeing Boards. The legislation prescribes the core membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board and gives the Board permission to appoint additional members as it deems appropriate.
- 3.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board last updated its membership in January 2019 when it resolved to invite two employer representatives, Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust and Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust to join the Board.
- 3.3 The Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Strategic Director for Public Health have determined that it is timely to adjust the membership.

## 4. Update

- 4.1 The report presented to the Board in January 2018 proposed the appointment of a representative of Vodafone, as the District's largest employer. The Board discussed the matter and resolved that two employer representatives should be appointed to represent large and smaller employers. They also agreed a role description for an employer representative.
- 4.2 It was thought that engagement through an umbrella organisation representing small and medium sized enterprises was appropriate. To that end a conversation was held with the Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce to seek representation for smaller employers in the District. The conversation was not successful and no smaller employer representative was identified.
- 4.3 Vodafone nominated a representative to join the Board. However, in the past twelve months no one has attended any of the Board's formal or informal meetings on Vodafone's behalf. Vodafone have been asked if they still wish to nominate a representative to the Board and are trying to identify a representative.
- 4.4 Tessa Lindfield, Strategic Director of Public Health covers the six Berkshire Unitary Authorities and as such is a member of six Health and Wellbeing Boards. Matt Pearce, Head of Public Health and Wellbeing, is her nominated substitute and attends the Board in her place when she is unable to attend. He is also a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board Steering Group and attends several of the subgroups. Tessa has requested that in order to aid continuity they are both full members of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 4.5 In April 2018 the four CCGs in Berkshire West merged. Previously, the CCGs had three 'seats' on the Board to ensure representation of the Newbury and District and North and West Reading localities, plus the Chief Officer. As a result of the merger and streamlined leadership team, the Chief Officer has confirmed that the CCG are only able to provide two representatives to occupy seats on the Board.
- 4.6 The outcome of the District Election saw a third party elected to the Council for the first time. The current terms of reference specify that "the Shadow Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing" will be a member of the Board. In light of the election results, it is recommended that the Board clarifies that one shadow portfolio holder for health and wellbeing from each Political Group on the Council may be a member of the Board.
- 4.7 The link between culture, the arts, health and wellbeing has long been recognised. Increasingly as attention shifts towards preventative approaches, the culture and arts sector has a developing role in supporting health and wellbeing. Further, the Chairman of the Board has been approached by a representative from a local cultural organisation who has requested to become a member of the Board.

## 5. Proposals

- 5.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board appoint the Head of Public Health and Wellbeing at West Berkshire Council as a member.
- 5.2 The number of named CCG representatives is reduced to two following the Berkshire West CCG merger.

- 5.3 That one seat for employer representatives is removed and one maintained pending feedback from Vodafone.
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- 5.6 That a representative from the arts and culture sector be invited to join the Board.

## 6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The proposals above would lead to the number of members on the Health and Wellbeing Board going from 19 to 20.
- 6.2 A further review of the Board's membership will be required following production of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy in 2020 to ensure the Board is in a position to deliver it. Thought also needs to be given to ensure that the correct stakeholders required to deliver the aspirations in the West Berkshire Vision 2036 are involved.

## 7. Consultation and Engagement

- 7.1 Matt Pearce - Head of Public Health and Wellbeing, Councillor Rick Jones – Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## 8. Appendices

Appendix A – Health and Wellbeing Board full membership list at January 2018

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### Background Papers:

Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020 and appendices

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Health and Wellbeing Strategy aim by ensuring the Board is able to broaden its reach to deliver the Health and wellbeing Strategy.

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## Appendix A – Health and Wellbeing Board Membership (January 2018)

### **Statutory members of the Health and Wellbeing Board**

1. the Leader of the Council or their nominee
2. the director of adult social services for the local authority,
3. the director of children's services for the local authority,
4. the director of public health for the local authority,
5. a representative of the Local Healthwatch organisation for the area of the local authority,
6. a representative of each relevant clinical commissioning group

### **Additional members appointed upon the creation of the Health and Wellbeing Board**

7. a representative of the voluntary sector
8. the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Wellbeing
9. the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People
10. the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care
11. the Shadow Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing

### **Additional members appointed in November 2016 to cover the wider determinants of health**

12. A representative from Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service
13. A representative from Thames Valley Police
14. A representative from the housing sector
15. The Portfolio Holder for Community Resilience and Partnerships.

### **Additional members appointed in January 2018 to support delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

16. Employer representative (small and medium sized)
17. Employer representative (large)
18. Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust
19. Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust