

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL - REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Health and Wellbeing Board
2.	Date:	5th September, 2012
3.	Title:	Health and Wellbeing Board Self-assessment
4.	Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

At the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) meeting in July, a report was given on the progress of the board's work plan from September 2011. A number of key achievements of the HWBB were noted, including the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The report also highlighted the need for the HWBB to reflect on its progress to date and consider how to achieve continued success as it moves into its second year in operation, and April 2013 when the board will take on statutory responsibilities.

It was agreed that a structured questionnaire be completed by all board members, which would be collated and reported back to the September meeting to form the basis of a reflection and learning session. This report provides an overview of those responses and draws attention to a national development tool for Health and Wellbeing Boards, which board members may wish to consider.

6. Recommendations

That the Health and wellbeing Board:

- **Discusses and comments on the views and suggestions put forward**
- **Receives a further report setting out the actions required to bring about improvements in the areas agreed**

7. Proposals and Details

The Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) has now been in operation for 12 months. It has therefore been considered timely by members to reflect on the progress of the board to date.

At the meeting in July, board members were presented with an update on the work plan, which included a number of key achievements since September 2011, such as the JSNA, local health summit and development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The next step to this was for the HWBB to have a reflection session at the September meeting to look at how the board has been operating and relationships between the key partners. Following agreement by board members, a structured questionnaire was circulated to all members to complete a range of questions in relation to operation, strategy and delivery. The purpose of this was for responses to form the basis for discussion at the meeting in September.

Responses include a range of views and suggestions for the board's future development and success. An overview of the responses is attached.

At the meeting in September, John Wilderspin (National Director of Health and Wellbeing Board Implementation, Dept. of Health) will also be in attendance to observe the Rotherham Board. This provides an opportunity to consider the progress of the HWBB alongside insight and learning from a national perspective.

Development Tool for Health and Wellbeing Boards

The Local Government Association has worked with the NHS Leadership Academy, other national organisations and representatives of health and wellbeing boards to co-produce a new development tool for Health and Wellbeing Boards.

The development tool can be used by local boards to measure levels of preparedness through a 'maturity matrix' which allows boards to track their progress over time.

The tool asks users to assess how their board is performing in relation to 17 key issues under 5 broad headings:

1. Strategy, purpose and vision
2. Leadership, values, relationships and ways of working
3. Governance
4. Roles and contributions
5. Measures and accountabilities

It is suggested that to get the most out of this tool, board members act collectively to discuss and agree scores together. The responses to the questionnaires which have been received could be used to help guide this discussion and help board members agree where they feel they best fit.

8. Finance

There are no financial implications directly related to the contents of this report.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Not having an agreed, appropriate plan in place will be detrimental to the success of the Board going forward. Reflecting on the progress of the board in relation to operation and relationships between key partners will help shape future development needs of the board and the work plan.

The Health and Well Being Board is entering a critical phase which will need to see intentions translated into implementation on the ground. It is vital that the board is equipped for this task.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The strategic plan for the Board for the next three years is set out in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which is currently published in draft form whilst we seek views from local people and professionals.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Overview of Questionnaire Responses (attached)

A New Development Tool for HWBBs (attached)

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