

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

CABINET – 2 JUNE 2008

ADULT HEALTH AND WELL BEING PARTNERSHIP

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR ADULT & CONSUMER CARE

1.0 PURPOSE

The Adult Health & Well-being Partnership terms of reference have been reviewed by the Partnership Executive and approval is now being sought for the revised version. It is also proposed that there should be changes in the arrangements for pooled budgets that reflect current funding and management arrangements.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are requested to:-

- consider the arrangements proposed;
- approve the terms of reference and pooled budget changes; and
- confirm nominations for membership of the Adult Health & Well-being Partnership.

3.0 SUMMARY

3.1 This report provides details of proposals for governance of the Adult Health & Well-being Partnership which have been up-dated following review of the present arrangements.

3.2 Approval is also requested for changes in Section 31 Health Act 1999 pooled budgets so that the continuing nature of these successful arrangements is consolidated into renewed agreements. Also, that the management of the pooled budget for the joint commissioning teams should transfer to the Council following the initial period from 2003 in which the PCT accounted for this budget.

4.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 CB-147 – 12 March 2007 - The Health & Well-Being Partnership

5.0 INFORMATION

5.1 Terms of Reference

Revised arrangements for the Adult Health and Well-being Partnership were considered by the PCT Board on 13 February 2007 and subsequently by Council Cabinet on 12 March 2007 and then endorsed through the LSP.

There was agreement that the new arrangements would be reviewed and developed during 2007/08 and this has been undertaken through the Health & Well-being Executive Group. This resulted in the attached terms of reference which include proposals for the full Adult Health & Well-being Partnership to meet twice per annum and for membership to be drawn from the PCT Board, Council Cabinet, Voluntary Sector and Senior Management.

These arrangements will continue to be reviewed in the future to ensure that they are working effectively.

5.2 Pooled Budgets

There are a number of Partnership Agreements and pooled budgets for Telford & Wrekin that are managed by the designated person within the PCT or Council and monitored under Health Act 1999 flexibilities through Section 31 Groups.

These arrangements have worked well and pooled budgets have been managed within resources allocated. Proposals for the establishment of a further pooled budget for Alcohol Harm Reduction are also being taken forward and will be put to Cabinet and PCT Board once work is completed through DAAT (Drug & Alcohol Action Team).

The pooled budgets were considered by the Health & Well-being Executive in March 2008 and it was agreed that the arrangements should continue on a rolling basis, subject to one year notice by any of the partner agencies. It was also agreed that the pooled budget for the Joint Commissioning Teams should be managed by the Council from April 2008.

5.3 Equal Opportunities

The partnership arrangements and pooled budgets will aim to actively promote equality and diversity in accordance with PCT and Council policies.

5.4 Environmental Impact

Not applicable.

5.5 Legal Comment

To update the Legal Comment in the 12th March 2007 Cabinet report, The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 received Royal Assent on 30th October 2007. Chapter 1 (Sections 103-118) relating to Local Area Agreements and Community Strategies came in to force on 30th December 2007, save for Section 116 relating to health and social care joint needs assessments, which came into force on 1st April 2008.

On 1st March 2007, Section 31 Health Act 1999 was superseded by Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006. The provision is in exactly the same terms as Section 31 and pre-existing Section 31 pooled budget arrangements and legal agreements continued from 1st March 2007 as if made under the new powers. The NHS Bodies and Local Authorities Partnership Arrangements Regulations 2000 continue to apply. Any variations

to existing Section 31 agreements and any new Section 75 agreements will need to be recorded in writing in accordance with the Regulations and the Council's Constitution.

5.6 Links with Corporate Priorities

The proposals in this report are relevant to the corporate priorities for:

- Creating a Safe, Strong and Cohesive Community;
- Promoting Healthy Communities and Improving the Quality of Life of Vulnerable and Older People;
- Strengthening the Local Economy & Skills of Local People;
- An Efficient, Effective and Customer-Focused Council that delivers Value for Money for the Community.

5.7 Opportunities and Risks

The opportunities and risks associated with this decision/option/project have been identified and assessed. Arrangements will be put in place to manage the risks and maximise the opportunities that have been identified.

5.10 Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications. The changes will be managed within existing resource allocations for the current partnership arrangements. Pooled budgets have 'Section 31' monitoring groups that involve commissioning and financial managers from the Council and PCT as part of the governance structure.

6.0 WARD IMPLICATIONS

This report has District-wide implications; there are no implications for specific wards.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

The partnership arrangements are central to government policy and effective local working. Numerous policy documents and reports are relevant to the background but key papers are:-

- Our Health Our Care Our Say – White Paper 2006
- Strong & Prosperous Communities – White Paper 2006
- Putting People First – Protocol 2007

End of Report

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TELFORD AND WREKIN ADULT HEALTH & WELL-BEING PARTNERSHIP

Terms of reference

1 Purpose

To lead and coordinate a partnership approach to delivery of the vision and seven key outcomes for adult services within “Our Health, Our Care, Our Say” across Telford & Wrekin, encompassing a preventive approach to care and wellbeing for adults, families and communities

2 Objectives

- (i) To bring distinctive and added value to existing local partnerships concerned with adult health and wellbeing (for example, Local Implementation Teams), by improving their fitness for purpose, accountability and communication
- (ii) To promote the strategic shift from institutionalised to personalised care
- (iii) Through a partnership approach, to improve health and address local health inequalities, through prevention and addressing the “Choosing Health” priorities
- (iv) To support the development of neighbourhood working from a health and wellbeing perspective, so that it underpins better engagement with local communities, including around the development of services for adults and older people
- (v) To explore, identify and realise opportunities for collaboration with the voluntary and community sector in developing adult services
- (vi) Working with the Children’s Trust, to ensure a joined-up approach in the planning and delivery of services for children and adults, particularly transitional issues
- (vii) To inform and influence delivery of the community safety agenda through active links with its programmes
- (viii) To identify and track a manageable set of high level output and outcome measures by which the success of the Partnership will be judged (including relevant LAA and LPSA targets)

3 Approach

The full Partnership Board will meet twice a year. It will focus specifically on agreeing the overall strategic direction for the partnership and for reviewing and agreeing performance and success criteria.

Membership will consist of the following voting members:

- Two CVS senior representatives

- The T&W Council Cabinet Member for Adult and Consumer Care
- The T&W Council Cabinet Member for Community Services
- The T&W PCT Chair
- A T&W PCT Non-Executive Director

The PCT Chief Executive and Council Corporate Director for Adult and Consumer Care will be in attendance. The Partnership will be chaired from amongst the voting members on an annual rotational basis. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be representatives of different organisations.

The Partnership Executive will meet six times a year (usually bi-monthly). Chair to be agreed at first meeting. Membership will include:

- A CVS senior representative
- the T&W Council Corporate Director Adult and Consumer Care
- the T&W Council Head of Service Development Adult and Consumer Care
- the T&W Council Corporate Director Children & Young People (or nominated representative)
- the T&W Council Corporate Director Community Services (or nominated representative)
- the T&WPCT Chief Executive
- the T&WPCT Director of Health Improvement
- the T&WPCT Director of Commissioning & Service Improvement
- other participants may be invited to attend for specific items or meetings

Arrangements for any onward business will be agreed as necessary at the time, but will normally be discharged through established organisational/Directorate business planning arrangements and LITs/planning and partnership groups / other thematic partnerships.

4 Secretariat

To be provided jointly by the PCT and the Council

5 Accountability

Local Strategic Partnership

6 Date of Review of Terms of Reference

Six months following initial agreement, then two yearly

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