

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2012**

**WORKING WITH THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**REPORT OF SCRUTINY GROUP SPECIALIST**

**1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To update members on the development of the Health and Wellbeing Board priorities and agree an initial 'ways of working' document to avoid unnecessary duplication in the work of the committees and agree to develop a full protocol.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Committee receives the update on the developing priorities for the Health and Wellbeing Board. ( Appendix 1)
- 2.2 The Committee consider and agree the Principles and Ways of Working Document attached as Appendix 2 and recommend that this is considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.3 The Committee recommend to the Health and Wellbeing Board that work is undertaken to develop a full protocol.

**3.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- 3.1 HSC – 1 May 2012

**4.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 4.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires Local Authorities to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board and develop a Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The broad role of the Health Scrutiny Committee is retained under the Act and the Department of Health is undertaking a consultation in the specific changes to Health Scrutiny. The legislation sets out one of the mechanisms for holding the Health and Wellbeing

Board to account is through the Scrutiny Committees (this is recognised in the Board's Terms of Reference). A copy of the consultation document on the Health and Wellbeing Board priorities is attached for information as Appendix 1.

## **5.0 HOW THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND BOARD WILL WORK TO ADDRESS LOCAL ISSUES**

- 5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board in Telford and Wrekin is operating in shadow form until April 2013 and this provides an opportunity to establish the relationship and way of working between the two committees. An initial practical step will be to co-ordinate the work programmes of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board and the partners that will be responsible for the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment priorities to avoid unnecessary duplication.
- 5.2 The LGA advise that a protocol or Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is developed between the health and wellbeing board and the council body designated with health scrutiny powers, indicating how each will carry out their functions in relation to health, public health and integrated health and social care services. An initial 'Draft Ways of Working' document is attached as Appendix 2. It is proposed that the Scrutiny Committee agree this subject to consideration by relevant Cabinet Members and the Health and Wellbeing Board. It is also proposed that the Committee agree to work with the Health and Wellbeing Board to develop a full protocol.

## **6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- 6.1 There are no specific equal opportunity impacts arising from this report. Equal Opportunity issues will be considered as part of any scrutiny work.

## **7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

- 7.1 There are no environmental implications resulting from this report. Environmental impacts will be considered as appropriate to the topics in the work programme.

## **8.0. LEGAL COMMENT**

- 8.1 The proposals accord with the provisions in section 244 National Health

Service Act 2006 as amended by section 190 Health and Social Care Act 2012.

## **9.0 LINKS WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 9.1 Developing a protocol between the Health and Wellbeing Board and Scrutiny Committee will assist to ensure that these Committee work effectively to meet corporate priorities in a transparent and accountable manner.

## **10. OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS**

- 10.1 The proposals contained in this report are in accordance with the Scrutiny Handbook and the Council's Constitution.

## **11. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 There are no specific financial implications from this report. An effective working relationship between these committees will ensure an more efficient use of resources.

## **12. WARD IMPLICATIONS**

- 12.1 There are no specific ward implications arising from this report.

## **13. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 13.1 None.

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