

EXECUTIVE BOARD

At a meeting of the Executive Board on Thursday, 23 January 2014 in The Boardroom, Municipal Building

Present: Councillors Polhill (Chairman), D. Cargill, Harris, R. Hignett, Jones, Nelson, Philbin, J. Stockton, Wharton and Wright

Apologies for Absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: M. Reaney, G. Cook, D. Johnson, I. Leivesley, G. Meehan, D. Parr, E. Dawson and M. Simpson

Also in attendance: 1 member of the press

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD

Action

EXB139 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2014 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING PORTFOLIO

EXB140 A MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR HALTON - KEY DECISION

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Communities, which sought approval for the adoption and implementation of Halton's Integrated Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Strategy 2013-2018 (the Strategy).

The Board was advised that mental health problems were the single largest cause of ill health and disability in the Borough. Halton's Health and Wellbeing Board had recognised this and included as one of its five priorities "Prevention and Early Detection of Mental Health Conditions".

It was noted that the Strategy was Halton's first integrated approach which brought together commissioning

intentions of Public Health, the Clinical Commissioning Group, Children's Services and Adult Social Care. It set out its strategic objectives and priorities for the next five years; and an action plan was in development. A copy of the Strategy was attached at Appendix 1, and it was reported that a life course approach had been adopted, recognising that this would equip Halton to meet the social, economic and environmental challenges and deliver the short and long term benefits needed.

The Strategy had previously been considered by the Health Policy and Performance Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board at their January 2014 meetings.

Reason(s) For Decision

The costs associated with responding to the challenges of mental health and wellbeing was expected to rise in coming years because of growing numbers of people affected. This required effective use of resources and a change in the response to local need. Adopting the integrated approach set out in the Strategy would optimise value for money developing quality services which achieved positive outcomes for people within existing resources.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Halton Borough Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group could have produced individual Strategy documents. This would have reinforced unacceptable silo working rather than a whole system approach. An integrated Strategy supported national policy for health and social care to work together more closely.

Implementation Date

Implementation of the Strategy was on-going and covered the period up to 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Strategy 2013-2018 be endorsed.

Strategic Director
- Communities

EXB141 HALTON'S DEMENTIA STRATEGY - KEY DECISION

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Communities, which set out Halton's Dementia Strategy.

The Board was advised that the 2010 local Dementia Strategy was completed as a direct response to the National

Dementia Strategy – Living Well with Dementia (Department of Health 2009). It adopted the national targets as well as developing a specific implementation plan to deliver a range of improvements for people diagnosed with dementia.

The report detailed the projected number of people living in Halton diagnosed with dementia by 2025, together with the associated costs to the local economy. The revised local Dementia Strategy, attached at Appendix 1 and the associated needs paper (Appendix 2), looked at the progress that had been made since 2010. It also identified some key actions needed over the next five years. It was noted that priorities for 2013-2018 would focus on the following areas:

- Prevention and raising awareness;
- Early diagnosis, information and advice;
- Living well in the community;
- End of life;
- Workforce development; and
- Links to other workstreams.

Reason(s) For Decision

A review of the local Dementia Strategy was required as the original 2009 Strategy made reference to previous NHS structures. National drivers, since the publication of the original Strategy (including the Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia), had further influenced the direction that health and social care services should be taking in relation to dementia diagnosis, treatment and care.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Not applicable.

Implementation Date

January 2014.

RESOLVED: That Halton's Dementia Strategy be noted and approved.

Strategic Director
- Communities

RESOURCES PORTFOLIO

EXB142 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Policy and Resources, on a review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

The Board was advised that the Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a statutory duty for local authorities to carry out a review of their Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places by 31 December 2007 and at least every four years thereafter. However, it was reported that the Electoral Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews which must now be completed between 1 October 2013 and 31 January 2015.

It was noted that the last formal review was undertaken in 2011. The Returning Officer reviewed Polling Stations at election times. Ward Members had usually been informally consulted on any changes deemed necessary and those changes made.

The review would have three stages, as set out in the report. The Board was further advised that, given the nature of the review and the imminent timescale, the involvement of a Working Party of Elected Members, would ensure that the final decision could be made and published prior to the elections in May 2014.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) authority be given for the publication of the Notice of Polling Districts and Polling Places Review; and
- 2) a Working Party of six Members (4 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Conservative), be appointed to undertake the review of Polling Districts and Polling Places following consultation, as required by the Electoral Administration Act 2013, and make recommendations to the Executive Board.

Strategic Director
- Policy &
Resources

MINUTES ISSUED: 24 January 2014

CALL-IN: 31 January 2014

Any matter decided by the Executive Board may be called in no later than 5.00pm on 31 January 2014

Meeting ended at 2.09 p.m.