

AGENDA ITEM:

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

8 MARCH 2012

MIDDLESBROUGH SHADOW HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is to brief Health Scrutiny on the emerging governance structure and engagement methods proposed for the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is recommended that Health Scrutiny Panel:
 - Notes the progress made in establishing the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board; and
 - Comments on the proposed governance structure

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) will have the primary aim of promoting integration and partnership working between the NHS, social care, public health and other local services, to improve democratic accountability.
4. HWBBs will have statutory responsibilities from April 2013
5. Health and wellbeing boards will be established as committees of upper-tier local authorities. As well as effective working between local authorities and health partners, it is hoped there will be opportunities for greater joint working across the tiers of local government.

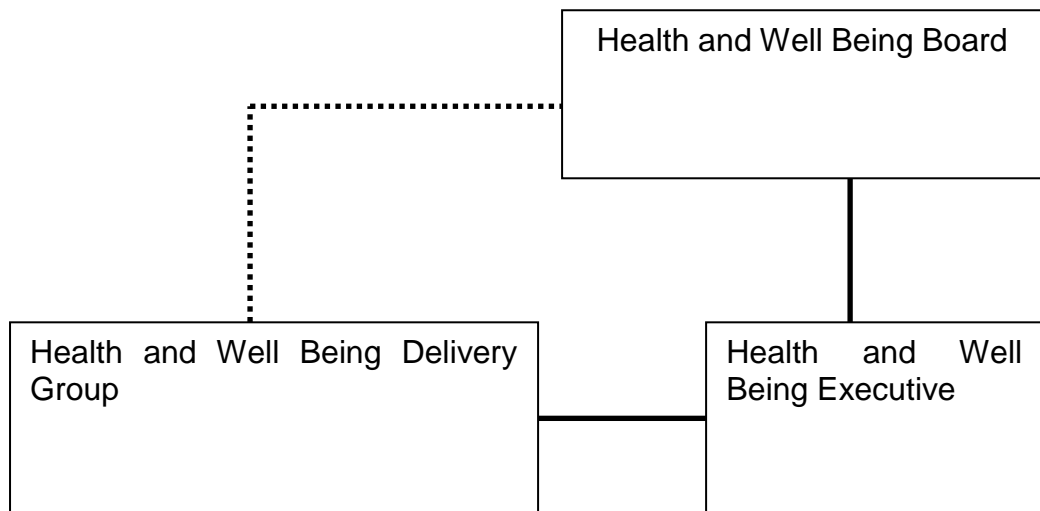
Progress to date

6. As the HWBB will take on statutory responsibilities in April 2013, an interim Shadow HWBB was established in August 2011 to look at

mechanisms to facilitate the health transition, trial new ways of working and establish new and effective working relationships.

7. To date the interim board has met six times and undertaken significant work to begin to establish the structures needed and develop new relationships. This has included two development days to enable key deliverer's in the Health and Well-being field (additional to the interim board members) to:
 - explore how they need to work together to deliver the Board's agenda;
 - develop their understanding of individual and collective concerns and accountabilities; and
 - consider possible governance structures and execution arrangements for the Health and Being Board going forward
8. The following governance structure was used as the basis of discussion, an update on comments received so far will be reported to the meeting.

Proposed Governance Structure for Middlesbrough



9. **Role and Remit of Groups**

	Health and Well Being Board	Health and Well Being Executive	Health and Well Being Delivery Group
Remit	Strategic Overview Assurance Meet statutory requirements Sign off JSNA / JHWBS Review progress against priorities Forward plan Formal Committee of the Council - Outward public facing	Provide direction Sign up to common problems Agree solutions Ensure delivery - Agree agenda for HWBB	'Doing' arm of HWBB to ensure priorities and objectives are met Deliver tasks identified by HWBB and Executive – either directly or by tasking existing groups - Establish Task & Finish Groups where appropriate
Membership	Core HWBB membership Wider membership VCS - Elected members	Tight senior membership (Chief Executive / Director level) - Key Providers	Lead Officer from each organisation (Head of Service level) - Key Providers ?
Chair	- Elected member	- Local Authority Chief Executive	- Director of Public Health
Frequency of meetings	- Quarterly or bi-annually	- Six weekly or quarterly	- Monthly

Considerations for Middlesbrough Shadow Health and Well Being Board

10. The Health and Social Care Bill states that membership of the Health and Well Being Board is to consist of at least one councillor of the local authority, nominated by the elected Mayor. Other statutory attendees are:
 - Director of Adult Social Services
 - Director of Children's Services
 - Director of Public Health
 - a representative from the clinical commissioning group

11. The interim Board currently has one executive member. Consideration needs to be given to the make of future elected member representation for the Shadow Board and chairing arrangements.

12. Further clarity is needed at a national level as to whether the board will be a Committee of the Council or an Executive Committee.

Committee of the Council

13. As a Committee of the Council, the board would be subject to the usual governance rules such as access to meetings, document provisions, declaration of interests and the political balance rules in terms of councillor membership. The board would be governed by section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Executive Committee

14. As an Executive Committee, the Board would not need to be politically balanced but consideration would need to be given to membership and voting rights.
15. There needs to be clarity over which members of the Board would have voting rights. It is expected that further guidance or legislation will address this issue.
16. It should be noted that the Health and Social Care Bill enables the Secretary of State to make regulations dis-applying or modifying any enactment in relation to the Health and Well Being Board, which would otherwise apply to an ordinary committee. Therefore, the exact implications will not be known until the enactment of the Bill.
17. Once the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board is established it is proposed that it will meet twice a year, firstly to set the strategy for the years activity and secondly to monitor progress against strategic actions.
18. It is also proposed that the SHWBB host an annual forum event to allow representation and engagement from a wide range of user groups and VCS organisations to feed into the delivery of the health and wellbeing agenda.

CONSULTATION TIMETABLE

19. The following timetable sets out the key dates for consulting on and establishing the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board:

Update to CMT	26 January 2012
Shadow H&WBB Development Day	24 February 2012
Wider VCS and community consultation	24 February to 19 March 2012
Informal Executive held to discuss progress with the Executive Members	24 February and the 19 March 2012
Consultation with Health Scrutiny	8 March 2012
Consultation with LSP Executive	15 March 2012
Formal proposal to Council Executive	27 March 2012
Shadow Board in place	April 2012

SHWBB Launch/ Forum Event	Summer 2012
Act as formal board	April 2013

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