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MEETING TITLE AND DATE

Health and Wellbeing Board 05/10/16

Agenda - Part:	Item:
Subject: ENFIELD HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD REVIEW OF CURRENT SUB BOARDS STRUCTURE	
Wards: All	
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the ongoing review and development of the EH&WB and its supporting structures a number of key step changes have been agreed, these include creation of work programmes for both the EH&WB Developments Sessions and the Board itself, as well as revised Terms of Reference that have been agreed by the EH&WB and signed off at Council.

The newly revised Terms of Reference (TOR) provide clarity around the purpose of the EH&WB Sub Boards and their mandate to execute EH&WB functions and to report back to the Board.

This report outlines the current link between the EH&WB and its Sub Boards, as well as recommendations to make changes that will improve the lines of accountability, relationship and transparency between the EH&WB and the Sub Boards.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

This report sets out a number of recommendations to the EH&WB for agreement these include the following;

- a) Revision of the EH&WB Sub Board Terms of Reference (TOR) so members of both the EH&WB and Sub Boards are clear about the remit and role of each, as well as clarity on reporting lines and expectation of deliverables
- b) Presentation of proposed Sub Boards work programmes to the EH&WB at the beginning of calendar year 2017
- c) A twice yearly Sub Boards progress report to be presented and fully discussed at each EH&WB, instead of reports going as items for information to every EH&WB.
- d) Agree Health and Wellbeing priority to be the focus of the EH&WB and its

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Sub Boards for calendar year 2017

- e) A section of each EH&WB agenda to be dedicated to exploring a specific challenge or issue which is directly related to a Sub Board area

3. BACKGROUND

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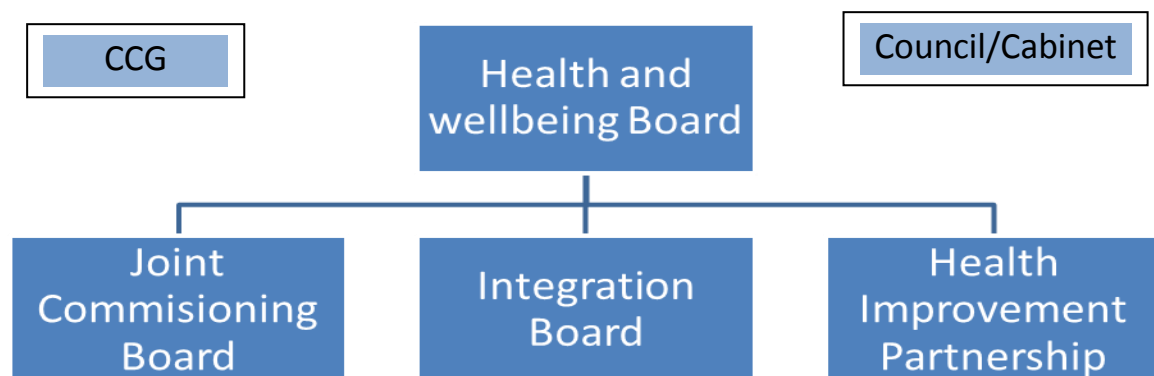
The newly revised Terms of Reference provide clarity around the purpose of the Sub Boards (see the extract below from the revised EH&WB TOR)

The EH&WB will be able to appoint sub committees to discharge their functions in accordance with section 102 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

All Sub-Boards will have their Terms of Reference and membership approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board and will need to operate in accordance with the requirements of the full board, and be focused on activity that is in line with the ToR and remit of the EH&WB.

With these recent developments it is timely to set out how the current Sub Boards are interacting with the EH&WB and what modifications could be made in order to improve connectivity, communication and accountability between them. Diagram 1 below shows the current EH&WB and subcommittee structure.

Diagram 1 EH&WB structure:



Currently the only link between the sub committees and the EH&WB is a standing item on the EH&WB agenda which comes as a report and sets out the work of each Sub Board in general terms. The reports make no

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recommendations to the EH&WB and does not annotate how the Sub Boards deliver the priorities of the Enfield Health & Wellbeing Strategy and in turn that of the Board.

Through initial discussions with the EH&WB Chair and Sub Board leads within the Council, it was felt that these update reports to the EH&WB were not sufficient on their own to achieve the aims of the Sub Boards outlined in the new TOR and make them accountable to the Board.

Therefore this report sets out a number of steps that are recommended to the Board for agreement (Outlined in Section 2)

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

EH&WB Terms of Reference stipulate that the “The EH&WB is to appoint sub committees to discharge their functions in accordance with section 102 of the 1972 Local Government Act”.

There has also been feedback from specific members of the EH&WB that there is disconnect between the work of the Sub Boards and the EH&WB, as well as ambiguity regarding lines of accountability.

6. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CUSTOMER SERVICES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

6.1 Financial Implications

None

6.2 Legal Implications

None

7. KEY RISKS

If the recommendations are not agreed and changes not made, then the EH&WB and its Sub Boards could become ineffectual and will not adhere to the EH&WB TOR.

8. IMPACT ON PRIORITIES OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

There would be a positive impact on all Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities if the EH&WB focussed its work on a specific priority for each year and subcommittees were to focus on the delivery of said priority and held accountable by the EH&WB.

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However it should be noted that if this approach was adopted it would take a five year period for all priorities to be addressed by the EH&WB.

- 8.1** Ensuring the best start in life
- 8.2** Enabling people to be safe, independent and well and delivering high quality health and care services
- 8.3** Creating stronger, healthier communities
- 8.4** Reducing health inequalities – narrowing the gap in life expectancy
- 8.5** Promoting healthy lifestyles

9. EQUALITIES IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

N/A

Background Papers

None