

Appendix 2: Extract of the minutes of Council (21 March 2013)

Extract of the Minutes of Council 21st March 2013 Appointment of Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board

3. Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board

Councillor Bob Stevens, Portfolio Holder for Health presented the report, which set out the membership and terms of reference for the Council's Health and Wellbeing Board, which would be effective from 1st April 2013. Councillor Stevens reported that during its operation in shadow form since May 2011, the Board had established effective working relationships which would be continued. The Board would comprise of 17 Members, which included representatives from all five District and Borough Councils in order to integrate the wellbeing aspects of Council services between the Councils.

Councillor Tandy expressed a concern that as the Board would not be politically balanced, representation from the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups on the Board would be limited. Councillor Jerry Roodhouse also commented that amendments to the membership of the Board may be required following the County Council elections in May, and may change as the Board evolves into its role.

Councillor Angela Warner supported the proposals, stating that there was great potential for the Board to bring together clinicians and the public, but there was a lack of awareness from within the NHS of the role of the Board and the role of Local Government more generally with regards to health and wellbeing.

Councillor Colin Hayfield suggested that there would be cultural differences between the NHS and Local Government which would need to be resolved, and that there was a lack of clarity from within the NHS of the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Health Overview and Scrutiny, which would need to be addressed. He considered that the Health and Wellbeing Board presented a good opportunity to involve clinicians and the public; however, it was important that it was seen to be effective by external bodies.

Councillor Clare Watson supported the report, and welcomed the involvement of all five District and Borough Councils on the Board.

Councillor Les Caborn, Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee supported the report, suggesting that the Clinical Commissioning Groups should be fully engaged, and that effective cross-party working was important for the successful operation of the Board.

In seconding the report, Councillor Izzi Seccombe explained that the Health and Wellbeing Board presented a great opportunity to address health inequalities throughout the County, and address health and wellbeing issues through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Councillor Seccombe agreed with the concerns of Councillor Hayfield regarding changes to cultures and assured that the Board was committed to overcoming these challenges. Councillor Stevens explained that the composition of the Board had been designed to avoid duplication and maintain a focus on the co-ordinated contribution of partners.

Resolved

(1) That the Council establishes the Health and Wellbeing Board in accordance with the arrangements appended to these minutes; and

(2) That the Council appoints the office holders (as described in the appendix to these minutes) to the Board and that pending the Council meeting in May, the Leader of the

Council is appointed as Chair of the Board should any action be necessary prior to the next meeting of the Board.