HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, 10 December 2014 at the Karalius Suite, Halton Stadium, Widnes

Present:

Board Members:	David Parr Simon Banks Gemma Batchelor Sarah Boycott Jeremy Duff Councillor Fry Mary Murphy Mick Noone Eileen O'Meara Terry Parle Noel Sharpe Christine Whittaker Sally Yeoman	HBC (Chairman) Halton Clinical Commissioning Group DWP Cheshire Police Faith Communities HVA Riverside College HBC Chair E&R SSP Director of Public Health Halton Sports Partnership HHT Bridgewater NHS Trust Halton & St Helens VCA
Advisors to the Boards	Shelah Semoff	HBC Policy and Strategy
In Attendance::	L Derbyshire and Paul Garnett (HBC), Sue Molyneux (Halton Disability Partnership) and Hitesh Patel (CAB)	
Apologies for Absence:	Nick Atkin (HHT), Paula Cain (Chamber of Commerce), Councillor D Cargill (Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service), Sean Henshaw (Cheshire Police), Ann McIntyre (Children's Trust), Councillor Polhill (HBC Chairman), John Rigby (Orminston Bolingbroke Academy) and Wesley Rourke (HBC – Chair of ELS SSP)	

7 APOLOGIES AND MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2014, having been printed and circulated were signed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:-

Page 6, First bullet point – Mr Simon Bell being recorded as Mr Simon Banks.

8 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY (SCS) – 6 MONTH PROGRESS REPORT

The key partners each had a discussion on Halton Sustainable Community Strategy 2011 – 2026 in their areas in respect of: Children and Young People (Children's Trust), Employment Learning and Skills; Health and Wellbeing Board, Safer Halton and Environment and Regeneration, In particular, the following points were noted:-

- In relation to Children and Young People (Children's Trust), Page 10, CYP 12 that future reports would contain a comparative figure. The positive direction of the targets was noted.
- In relation to Employment Learning and Skills, it was reported that a debate was taking place on the devolution of powers to the Greater Manchester area from central to local Government in England. It was noted that Halton Borough Council would consult with residents in the Borough before a view was taken and that a referendum may be required in the future.
- The Board noted the activities within the HWBB SCS in particular, the improvements in the breastfeeding rate; child poverty; the review of CAMMS; the work being undertaken to address cancer; obesity; mental health; bullying and alcohol abuse.

It was noted that there had been a delay in data on HH4 – admissions which are wholly attributable to alcohol AAF+1, rate per 1000,000 population.

Mr Simon Banks (CCG) reported that work was being undertaken with the Director of Public Health in respect of weight management as it was being devolved to the GPs from NHS England. It was highlighted that it represented a potential financial risk if appropriate pathways were not in place.

He reported that a strategy for GP services in the Borough would be completed in January 2015. The strategy represented a 3-5 year plan on how to redesign GP practices to establish consistency throughout the Borough.

Furthermore, it was reported that NHS England were delegating responsibility to the CCG without additional resources in respect of the three levels of commissioning GP services. Discussions were taking place and bids had to be submitted by January 2015, which was a very short timescale;

 In relation to Safer Halton the Board noted the activities within the Safer Halton SCS in particular, the missing from home numbers; child sexual exploitation; the new tools and powers to address nuisance and anti-social behaviour in the Borough; the D1 Group and the action that had been taken. It was reported that four further arrests had taken place in relation to the shooting in October and that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) were looking at the perpetrator programme across the County and had allocated funding to the IDEA scheme so that it could be extended. After considerable discussion on child exploitation (CSE) and the numerous agencies involved in addressing this issue, it was agreed that the Board would consider a report on this matter at the March meeting. It was reported that CSE had also been considered by the Children's Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board. In addition, Members were also receiving a presentation on CSE prior to the Council meeting later today. The Chief Executive reported that Halton Borough Council had also undertaken a full review of services with a focus on CSE in which the outcomes would be available in the new year and that HBC were currently receiving an Ofsted Inspection. Furthermore, it was reported that a virtual team was being developed and on 17 December 2014 the PCC was meeting with Cheshire and Warrington Safeguarding Boards in order to share experiences and good practices.

A discussion took place on the valuable part that z cards played in addressing this issue and it was agreed that all Members of the Partnership would be issued with Z Cards.

The Chief Executive reported that at a previous meeting it had been agreed that he meet and Chair a group of voluntary sector representatives. It was reported that a positive meeting had taken place and the minutes would be circulated to Members of the Partnership in due course.

The Board agreed to the new style of agenda for future meetings.

In relation to Environment and Regeneration it was reported that the objectives of the SSP had been refreshed and the performance indicators considered. The indicators, it was reported would be reduced and would be circulated to Members of the Partnership when they were ready. It was highlighted that Partners could be involved and contribute without having to attend the meetings. Partners were also invited to attend the SSP meetings and were encouraged to contribute so that the data would enable an accurate picture of what was being achieved collectively. It was also reported that if there was a particular issue, consideration could be given to establishing a specific task and finish group to address the problem i.e. a waste task and finish group had been established to identify how partners deal with their own staff and client group.

It was reported that Vegware, an eco friendly packaging and catering disposables company, had established bio degradable containers and utensils which could be put into compost and then the compost could be recycled into waste pellets. The containers kept food hot and they had saved a hospital in Bournemouth 70 % on landfill costs.

RESOLVED: That the report and comments raised be noted.

9 PRESENTATIONS: WELFARE REFORM UPDATE

The Board received a series of presentations on the Welfare Reforms in their respective areas as follows:-

- Paul Garnett, HBC Benefits Manager and Shelah Semoff, HBC Policy Officer in relation to Halton Borough Council;
- Noel Sharpe, HHT Executive in relation to Housing providers;
- Hitesh Patel, Chief Executive of the Citizens Advice Bureau; and
- Sue Molyneux, Co-ordinator, Halton Disability Partnership.

After considerable discussion on the welfare reforms in respect of the gaps in the service and how they could be addressed; mental health issues and universal credit; the importance of identifying the real impact in the community and the power of partnership working, it was agreed that this matter would need to be a considered at a separate meeting with ideas emailed to Shelah Semoff

RESOLVED: That the presentations be received and noted.

Meeting ended at 11.50 am