

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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WORK PROGRAMME

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Summary

This report advises the Board of the forward work programme for discussion in the light of latest priorities, issues and circumstances. It gives the Board an opportunity to shape and direct the Board's activities.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 places a duty on local authorities to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board their area.
- 1.2. On 25 April 2013 the Council established the Board and agreed its terms of reference.

2. Background

- 2.1 Appendix 1 to this report sets out the existing work programme. It should be noted that the work programme is likely to be subject to frequent changes and additions throughout the year and is for guidance only.
- 2.2 It was agreed at the pre-agenda meeting held on 30 March 2017 that the Medway Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB) Action Plan should be presented to the June 2017 meeting. This is due to the MSCB currently being in the process of developing its strategic priorities for 2017 onwards and its Strategic Plan for 2017-20. By June the MSCB will have agreed the Strategic Plan and will be able to update the Board on the priorities and work planned for the next year. Presentation to the Board in June would also align with consideration of the Action Plan by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It is also proposed that the MSCB Annual Report is, as normal, presented to the Board in November.
- 2.3 The reports on Adopting a Council Wide Food Policy and the Smoking Cessation Policy have also been deferred to a future meeting. The Food Policy has been delayed due to staff turnover and the prioritisation of other work areas. The relevant team is now fully staffed with it being anticipated that development of the proposals will then move forward. In relation to the

Smoking Cessation Policy, work is being undertaken to ascertain the level of support for making the Council fully smoke free ahead of proposals being developed.

- 2.4 It was also agreed that an item on Developing and Empowering Resources in Communities (DERiC) would be added to the Work Programme for September 2017. DERiC is an approach aimed at improving outcomes for vulnerable people of all ages by enhancing the quality of support through identifying and nurturing community support and then matching this to vulnerable people in their communities. Two Community Interest Companies have been established in Walderslade (WALT) and on the Hoo Peninsula (wHoo Cares) to initiate DERiC in Medway. The Board report will detail the progress made and outcomes achieved by WALT and wHoo Cares and propose actions which will illustrate the impact and value of community engagement.
- 2.5 A short update on the Integration of the Better Care Fund is due to be presented to the April 2017 meeting ahead of a more comprehensive report being presented to the June meeting.

3. Risk implications

- 3.1. There are no specific risk implications connected with this report.

4. Financial and legal implications

- 4.1. There are no specific financial or legal implications connected with this report. In the event of there being any recommendations relating to commissioning these will need to be referred to the Council's Cabinet and/or NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1. The Board is asked to agree the work programme attached at Appendix 1 and to consider whether any changes need to be made.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme.

Background papers

None.