

**HEALTH AND ADULTS  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**PRESENT** – Councillors Whittle, Humphrys, D. Smith, Oates, J. Slater, J. Slater, Foster & Marrow

**Also Present –**

Cllr Mohammed Khan  
Dominic Harrison  
Helen Lowey  
Laura Wharton  
Andy Griffiths  
Alice O'Rourke  
Shannon Gardiner  
Paul Conlon

Health & Wellbeing Board  
Director of Public Health  
Consultant in Public Health  
Public Health Specialist  
Chief Executive Officer – Healthwatch  
Project Manager  
Democratic Services  
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**RESOLUTIONS**

**21. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Apologies were received from Cllr McFall.

**22. Minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were submitted.

**RESOLVED –**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**23. Declarations of Interest in items on this Agenda**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**24. Work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Public Health Department**

The Committee received an outline of the work the Health and Wellbeing Board and their main achievements to date. The Committee looked at how they were progressing in meeting their strategic targets and their key achievements were outlined. The work of the Board was broken down into Start Well, Live Well and Age Well categories and progress towards targets was review each year.

Start well was a model co-designed by partners for 0-19s. It included public health nursing service contact and co-location of health visitors, schools nurses and children health teams in 4 children's centres. Live Well tried to encourage people to take control of their own health and wellbeing. The programme also wanted to raise awareness of healthy homes and neighbourhoods and also health and wellbeing within the workplace. Age Well had achieved 4 main factors within its area, Dementia, Wider Determinants, Integrated Service Offer and Loneliness and Social Isolation.

Members were informed that in 2013 the Department of Health inherited many contacts and that the 2019/20 Public Health Grant would be £14,435,000. This meant the overall grant had been reduced by 9.6% from 2015/16 to 2019/20.

The joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy was outlined. The strategy was an overarching plan through which the public, private, community and voluntary sectors, as well as residents themselves would work together to improve health and wellbeing for and with local people.

Members of the Committee were informed of the key priorities for 2017/18 such as, Better Care Fund, Eat Well, Move More, Shape Up Strategy and Healthy Weight Declaration together with possible issues that may affect delivery and achievement of those priorities. The Committee were informed of the exceptionally high ratings for this Borough in comparison with comparator authorities and how well this borough was rated.

The Committee agreed that the future of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the introduction of a Pan-Lancashire Board be maintained as a key focus for the future scrutiny.

#### **RESOLVED –**

1. That the Officers be thanked for their presentations
2. That the future of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the introduction of a Pan-Lancashire Board be maintained as a key focus for future scrutiny.

#### **25. Healthwatch Blackburn with Darwen**

The Committee looked at the work of Healthwatch and the way in which they operated in relation to other health bodies. The organisation was commissioned by the Health and Wellbeing Board and also carried out work on their behalf.

Members were informed of the highlights from Healthwatch and their successes and their reports had tackled issues ranging from homelessness to carers. They had met hundreds of local people at their community events and they had signposted over 150 people into services. They worked closely with Blackburn College students across a range of subjects.

Healthwatch were currently looking at the issues of

- Accident & Emergency at Blackburn Hospital,
- Asylum Seekers and how their mental health & wellbeing was supported,

- Eating Disorders to explore children and young people’s views,
- Offenders and understanding the contributing mental health factors which cause them to offend and
- Veterans, to identify the best way they can be supported.

The organisation was also focusing on next year’s work plan which would be launched in April 2018. The Committee agreed to receive an update on the key areas and review and how these could be fed into future Committees work programmes.

**RESOLVED –**

1. That Healthwatch Blackburn with Darwen be thanked for their attendance and presentation.
2. That Healthwatch be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee to present an update on the key areas and review and how they could be fed into the Committees work programmes in the future.

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....