

<b>HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>  <b>9</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b> 2 June 2014  <b>REPORT AUTHOR &amp; CONTACT NUMBER:</b> Bren McGowan 01582 547335  <b>SUBJECT:</b> Governance of Health and Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Boards	

**WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL**

### **PURPOSE**

1. To ensure clear lines of accountability between the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy delivery boards.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:
  - (1) Notes the terms of reference of the delivery boards
  - (2) Identifies issues and / or classes / types of issue which will be delegated to delivery boards
  - (3) Requests delivery boards to review their terms of reference in the light of any issues delegated to them
  - (4) Receives progress reports from the chairs of the delivery boards

### **BACKGROUND**

3. When the Health and Wellbeing Strategy was approved, it included the following outline of its governance arrangements:

*Specific partnership delivery boards, reporting to the Health and Wellbeing Board, will be given the responsibility for driving forward the achievement of our priority outcomes*

***Every child and young person has a healthy start in life***

*The Children and Young People's Trust Board*

***Reduced health inequalities within Luton***

*The Health Inequalities Delivery Board*

***Healthier and more independent adults and older people***

*The Healthier and More Independent Adults Board*

*The chairs of the delivery boards will be members of the Health and Wellbeing Board.*

4. Having been in operation for over a year which has seen developments such as Better Together, the board will need assurance that the arrangements provide appropriate levels of accountability and transparency.
5. All three of the original boards identify their role in carrying out work on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board (the Children and Young People's Trust Board at paragraph 3.1 and the remaining two boards at paragraph 1). More detail about how the delivery boards will lead this work (under 'Purpose' for the Children and Young People's Trust Board, and under 'Specific responsibilities' for the remaining two boards).
6. The Better Together Programme Board, although not originally identified as a delivery board, takes on this role with regard to the broad transformation agenda which is one of the key functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board. This is set out under section 3 'Responsibilities' and Section 4 'Accountabilities' of its terms of reference.

## **REPORT**

7. The delivery boards are not formal sub-committees of the Health and Wellbeing Board as such, but they do undertake work on its behalf. If the delivery boards are to be able to work effectively it will be helpful to be clear about their remit; currently some items may be duplicated at both the Health and Wellbeing Board and the delivery boards, for example the Dementia Strategy.

8. There appear to be more initiatives that appear to require sign-off from the Health and Wellbeing Board than were initially expected. If the Health and Wellbeing Board is to maintain its strategic function, it is unlikely to be able to spend significant amounts of time coordinating the development of strategies related to individual workstreams. National and local interest groups are also contacting with Health and Wellbeing Boards with a view to being included on the agenda.
9. The Health and Wellbeing Board reviews its work programme on a regular basis. It is proposed that it should use the opportunity to identify which items it needs to have formally presented to it for decision or agreement and which items can most appropriately be managed through delivery boards and reported through the delivery board updates.
10. The Healthier Luton Partnership was recently disbanded as it was felt that its work could be handled more effectively through the Better Together Board working with the other delivery boards. This approach will help reduce duplication and ensure clear lines of accountability.
11. Chairs of all of the delivery boards are members of the Health and Wellbeing Board. They are best placed to provide the communication link. From the current onwards meeting it is proposed that there will be a standard item where they update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the key issues relating to progress.
12. Where specific areas are delegated to delivery boards on an ongoing basis, it may be helpful if this is reflected in the terms of reference of that board when they are reviewed.

## **APPENDICES**

The following appendices are attached to this report:

Appendix 1 - terms of reference of the Children and Young People's Trust Board  
Appendix 2 - terms of reference of the Health Inequalities Delivery Board  
Appendix 3 - terms of reference of Healthier More Independent Delivery Board  
Appendix 4 - terms of reference of the Better Together Board

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**  
None.

