

**PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH JOINT WORKING ACROSS CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARDS.**

*To:* **Health and Wellbeing Board**

*Meeting Date:* **24 April 2018**

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*Recommendations:* **The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:**

- a) **To agree in principle to the approach of establishing a Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) joint sub-committee of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Boards.**
- b) **To ask the Constitution and Ethics Committee to consider the changes to the terms of reference of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and recommend these changes to be approved by full Council.**

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## **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to outline proposals for the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) to consider in regards to working together.
- 1.2 HWBs bring into one forum representatives from health, social care and the local community to decide what the main public health needs of the local population are and to determine how best to meet these needs in an integrated and holistic manner. They have a statutory duty to encourage the integrated delivery of health and social care to advance the health and wellbeing of people in their area and reduce inequalities. A significant number of HWBs are now beginning to play a genuine leadership role across local health and care systems.

## **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 A joint development session for both HWBs was held on 23 January 2018. This was facilitated by the Local Government Association (LGA) and key areas of commonality for both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough HWBs were identified as follows:
  - Growing Populations
  - New Housing Development Sites
  - Ageing Populations
  - Health Inequalities
  - Rising demand including mental health.
- 2.2 The Cambridgeshire HWB met on 1 February and agreed to meet with the Peterborough HWB in May 2018, to further explore the key themes identified in the development session. A provisional date of 31 May 2018 was set.
- 2.3 At the Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 19 March 2018 it was agreed that a provisional meeting was to be held with the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board on 31 May 2018.

## **3. MAIN ISSUES**

- 3.1 HWBs are a statutory requirement for upper tier and unitary local authorities. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (“the 2012 Act”) makes it a requirement of the both Councils to establish a HWB. The S195 of the 2012 Act also requires HWBs to encourage those who arrange for the provision of any health and social care services in their area to work in an integrated manner.
- 3.2 Working together more closely for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough HWBs will assist in discharging the functions of: encouraging integrated working between commissioners and providers of health and care in the two councils, in so far as it relates to areas of common interest and for the purposes of advancing the health and wellbeing of their populations and preparing a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Currently both HWBs have separate HWB Strategies but there is synergy within these strategies.

3.3 Section 198 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 provides that:

Two or more Health and Wellbeing Boards may make arrangements for: -

- (a) any of their functions to be exercisable jointly
- (b) any of their functions to be exercisable by a joint sub-committee of the Boards
- (c) a joint sub-committee of the Boards to advise them on any matter related to the exercise of their functions.

3.4 The Statutory Guidance on Joint Strategic needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies provides that “Two or more health and wellbeing boards could choose to work together to produce JSNAs and JHWSs covering their combined geographical area. Some health and wellbeing boards may find it helpful to collaborate with neighbouring areas where they share common problems as this can prove to be more cost effective than working in isolation” (Paragraph 3.1)

3.5 The Statutory Guidance provides the option for both HWBs to be maintained as a parent board but establish a Joint Sub-Committee to discharge agreed functions for both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough HWBs. Items pertaining specifically to Cambridgeshire or Peterborough can be considered by the parent board and those wider integrated issues could be considered through the establishment of the joint sub-committee.

#### **4. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS**

4.1 In order for these functions to be devolved to a Joint Sub-Committee the Cambridgeshire County Council constitution requires Full Council to agree changes to the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board’s terms of reference.

4.2 Recommendations need to be made to the Constitution and Ethics Committee which meets on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018. If approved, the Constitution and Ethics Committee will recommend the amendments to be agreed at Full Council on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

4.3 This time scale does not allow for both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough’s Health and Wellbeing Board to meet formally as a sub-committee on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018. However local arrangements for a meeting of both boards to take place at the same time can be agreed.

4.4 In order for the HWBs to meet in May this would be as two separate boards holding a meeting at the same time and venue, but with a shared agenda. For efficiency the boards would be considering reports covering items relevant to both boards. The meeting would need to be jointly chaired with any recommendations or decisions recorded separately for each Board.

#### **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1 To agree in principle to the approach of establishing a Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) joint sub-committee of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough HWBs

5.2 To ask the Constitution and Ethics Committee to consider the changes to the terms of reference of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and recommend for these changes to be approved by full council.

## 6 ALIGNMENT WITH THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

6.1 This report is relevant to priorities 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, but has a particular emphasis on priority 6: Working Together.

- Priority 1: Ensure a positive start to life for children, young people and their families.
- Priority 2: Support older people to be independent, safe and well.
- Priority 3: Encourage healthy lifestyles and behaviours in all actions and activities while respecting people's personal choices.
- Priority 4: Create a safe environment and help to build strong communities, wellbeing and mental health.
- Priority 5: Create a sustainable environment in which communities can flourish.
- Priority 6: Work together effectively.

## 7 SOURCES

Source Documents	Location
Minutes of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board 1 February 2018	<a href="https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccs_live/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/640/Committee/12/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx">https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccs_live/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/640/Committee/12/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx</a>