

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

TITLE: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE

REPORT TO:	CABINET
Date of Meeting	11 January 2023
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Public Health and Communities
Key Decision	Yes
Public or Private	Public

Purpose of report

The purpose of the report is to share the refreshed terms of reference for the Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Board with full council for ratification.

Council Plan priority

Enabling the effective functioning of Barnsley's Health and Wellbeing Board contributes to multiple priorities outlined within the Council Plan 2021 – 2024, with a particular focus on the Healthy Barnsley theme.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Receive and approve the Health and Wellbeing Board terms of reference.
2. Submit the Health and Wellbeing Board terms of reference to Full Council for ratification.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Barnsley's Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) was formally established in April 2013. Its statutory responsibilities are set out under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the associated statutory guidance, including (but not limited to): producing a joint strategic needs assessment, a joint local health and wellbeing strategy and a pharmaceutical needs assessment.

- 1.2 The 2022 Health and Care Act changed the health and care partnership landscape, creating Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and Integrated Care Partnerships to drive improvements in health and care and enable greater collaboration across a larger footprint. In South Yorkshire, this has seen the four Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), including Barnsley CCG, replaced by the new NHS South Yorkshire ICB. Many of the statutory responsibilities that were previously conferred on Barnsley CCG now rest with NHS South Yorkshire ICB.
- 1.3 Locally, the developments in the health and care infrastructure have seen new partnerships formally established, including the 'Barnsley Place Partnership Board' and 'Barnsley Place Delivery Group.' These two groups have similar membership to the HWB and have a broadly similar purpose in terms of improving health and wellbeing outcomes for the people of Barnsley and reducing health inequalities.
- 1.4 The key difference between the place partnership board / delivery group and the HWB, is that the HWB will focus primarily on the wider determinants of health (such as employment, environment, food, culture, housing and communities); and be the responsible board for a range of public health priorities that are influenced by these wider determinants, including (but not limited to): oral health, sexual health, alcohol consumption, tobacco control, road safety, physical activity and stronger communities. Whereas the Barnsley Place Partnership is focussed more on access to healthcare; health and care systems and pathways, and commissioning arrangements.
- 1.5 In November 2022, the Department of Health and Social Care, published guidance for health and wellbeing boards which clarifies the board's role within the new health and care arena. It states that HWBs will continue to play an important statutory role in instilling mechanisms for joint working across health and care organisations and setting strategic direction to improve the health and wellbeing of people locally. HWBs remain a formal statutory committee of the local authority, and will continue to provide a forum where political, professional and community leaders come together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities.
- 1.6 As a result of the developments under the Health and Care Act 2022, and the potential for overlap between the Place Partnership and the HWB, it is timely and necessary to refresh the terms of reference for the HWB. The new terms of reference update the board's role and function to avoid duplication and ensure effective use of stretched resources across the health and care system. A summary of the changes from the previous version is outlined below, and the full version of the updated terms of reference is included at appendix 1. The following changes have been made:
 - Reference to Barnsley CCG has been removed throughout, replaced with NHS South Yorkshire ICB.
 - Refreshed the functions and duties of board based on the changes contained within the Health and Care Act 2022 and the guidance issued by the Department of Health and Social Care.
 - Added reference and links to the Barnsley 2030 Board and Place

Partnership Board, emphasising the importance of working collaboratively.

- Reduced the frequency of meetings from bi-monthly, to quarterly. There will be two public HWB meetings per year, and two private development sessions.
- Updated the chair of the meeting to the Cabinet Spokesperson for Public Health and Communities.
- Refreshed the membership list, job titles and associated organisations.
- Emphasised that only board members physically attending meetings contribute to quoracy (as per Council governance rules).
- Added reference to the sub-groups of the board, each of which will bring a minimum of one report per year to the health and wellbeing board.

2. PROPOSAL

- 2.1 Cabinet are asked to receive and endorse the new terms of reference and submit the updated terms of reference to Full Council for ratification.

3. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

3.1 Financial and Risk

Consultations have taken place with representatives of the Service Director of Finance (S151 Officer). There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

3.2 Legal

The refreshed terms of reference ensure the Council is continuing to meet its statutory requirements under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Health and Care Act 2022 and associated guidance.

3.3 Equality

An equality impact assessment (EIA) preliminary screening has been completed (appendix 2), which has determined that no full EIA is required, as the terms of reference for the HWB do not have a direct impact on the people of Barnsley. Individual projects and workstreams will undergo equality and diversity considerations via completion of an EIA to assess the access and communication requirements of service users and residents.

The HWB is committed to tackling health and social inequalities within the borough, and this is a key part of the Board's vision for a healthy Barnsley.

3.4 Sustainability

No sustainability decision-making wheel has been completed, as the terms of reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board do not have a direct impact upon the people of Barnsley. All relevant projects and workstreams will be

subject to a sustainability assessment, where appropriate.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The new terms of reference have been developed in collaboration with all partners on the HWB, including Healthwatch Barnsley who represent Barnsley patients and service users.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 As outlined above, given the changes in the health and care landscape, it is timely to review and refresh the HWB's terms of reference, to ensure the board is an effective use of resources and contributes to improving outcomes for Barnsley residents.

6. GLOSSARY

CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group

EIA – Equality Impact Assessment

HWB – Health and Wellbeing Board

ICB – Integrated Care Board

7. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Health and Wellbeing Board (Draft) Terms of Reference

Appendix 2: Equality Impact Assessment Pre-screening

8. REPORT SIGN OFF

Financial consultation & sign off	Senior Financial Services officer consulted and date Vanessa Hunter 30.11.22
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