

	<u>Agenda Item: 11</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	30th July 2019
TITLE:	DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE STRUCTURE
Organisation	Birmingham City Council
Presenting Officer	Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health

Report Type:	Decision
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1. Purpose:	
1.1	<p>This document sets out the proposed sub-committee structure of five forums to support the delivery of the shared ambitions of the Health and Wellbeing Board, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum structures and governance • Roles and responsibilities of different committees • Draft TOR • Draft initial membership & chairing arrangements

2. Implications:		
BHWB Strategy Priorities	Health Inequalities	✓
	Childhood Obesity	✓
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Joint Commissioning and Service Integration		✓
Maximising transfer of Public Health functions		✓
Financial		
Patient and Public Involvement		✓
Early Intervention		✓
Prevention		✓

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Board is asked to:
- 3.1.1 Approve the development of the five Health & Wellbeing Board Forums to support the delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Board's objectives.
 - 3.1.2 Agree to schedule Health & Wellbeing Board meetings on alternate months (5 a year) with the Forums meeting in the interim months.
 - 3.1.3 Volunteer Board member organisations to support the secretariat of specific Forums.
 - 3.1.4 Provide comments by email by the 10th August on the TOR and Membership for each Forum.

4. Background

- 4.1 Over 2018/19 the Health and Wellbeing Board has undergone a period of development and refresh and is now moving into a more shared action and delivery phase.
- 4.2 The Board has agreed two priorities for 2019/20:
- **Obesity**
 - **Health Inequalities**
- 4.3 In addition, consultation on the public health priorities for the city has highlighted a need for a stronger upstream and public health focus on mental health and wellbeing.
- 4.4 The Director of Public Health (DPH) has set out an ambition to develop a Health Inequalities Framework for the city which will provide an overarching framework for the Health and Wellbeing Board's shared ambition to protect and improve the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Birmingham. The Framework approach will identify the actions led through a matrix of strategies and action plans across the Council and its partners to deliver change.
- 4.5 In order to support the objective of the Board to improve the health and wellbeing of citizens and reduce health inequalities in the City, the Board needs to establish a sub-committee structure to enable focused partnership delivery in areas where there are not currently strategic partnerships, strategies or action plans.

- 4.6 The Board has one existing sub-committee—the Health Protection Forum—which focuses on health protection issues such as vaccination, screening and infection control and is chaired by the Director of Public Health.
- 4.7 Therefore, following discussion with partners and Cabinet members, it is proposed that the Board establishes four new sub-committees (Forums) to oversee development and delivery of shared action to drive city-wide improvement. The proposed new structures are:
- Creating A Mentally Healthy City Forum
 - Creating A Healthy Food City Forum
 - Creating An Active City Forum
 - Creating A City Without Inequality Forum
- 4.8 These Forums will strengthen the connection between the Board and other city and regional partnership bodies.
- 4.9 It is proposed that the Fora will be co-chaired by a Cabinet Member with an external partner and that the secretariat function will be shared with HWB members.

5. Discussion

- 5.1 The four new Forums have evolved through discussions with partners recognising some of the gaps in system leadership and activation and an ambition to engage a wider network of people in delivery beneath the strategic partnership of the Health & Wellbeing Board. The initial thinking on the focus of the Forums is:

5.1.1 Creating A Mentally Healthy City Forum

The Creating A Mentally Healthy City Forum will focus on developing a public health approach to mental health and wellbeing in the city, delivering the Public Mental Health Compact and evolving an evidence-based approach to mental wellbeing that supports every citizen to thrive.

5.1.2 Creating A Healthy Food City Forum

As part of addressing the ambition to take a strategic upstream approach to tackling obesity at all ages in the city the Creating A Healthy Food City Forum will lead partnership action to create a healthy food environment in the city. This aligns well with our international commitment to the Milan Food Pact and provide a focused partnership group to enable delivery of the Obesity Trailblazer programme. This also supports the NHS STP/CCG commitment to focus action on childhood obesity and leverage action that will create

sustainable change in the food environment of the city.

5.1.3 Creating An Active City Forum

As part of addressing the ambition to take a strategic upstream approach to tackling obesity at all ages in the city the Creating An Active City Forum will lead partnership action to create an active city and provide a strategic approach to physical activity that draws together active travel, leisure and recreation and the opportunities for the Commonwealth Games physical activity and health and wellbeing legacy.

5.1.4 Creating A City Without Inequality Forum

As part of addressing the specific priority of the Board to develop partnership action to close the health and wellbeing gaps in the city the Creating a City Without Inequality (CWI) Forum will bring together partners to focus on health inequalities and wider inequalities in the city.

5.2 We are planning to hold a series of workshops with stakeholders to refine the above and map the interconnection with other key partnerships. We plan to work with Cabinet members on the appointment of co-chairs building on the learning from these workshops.

6. Future development

6.1 As part of the initial meetings the Fora will map their relationships with other external boards and establish clear engagement agreements and clarify respective lead areas to ensure there replication is avoided.

7. Compliance Issues

7.1 Strategy Implications

The Forums are designed to be focused on developing and delivering action plans and frameworks for their lead areas.

7.2 Homelessness Implications

It is suggested that the Creating a City Without Inequality Forum will provide a space to connect across with the various Homelessness and Health related groups in the city and at a regional level.

7.3 Governance & Delivery

7.3.1 The Forums are accountable through their chairs to the Health and Wellbeing Board and each Forum will have at least one annual substantive update

session at the Health and Wellbeing Board.

7.3.2 The Forums will also have a matrix relationship with other strategic boards and partnerships across the city, for example the Creating an Active City Forum will connect with the Brum Breathes Executive Group and Commonwealth Games Physical Activity & Wellbeing Legacy Group.

7.3.3 As part of the initial meetings the Forums will map their relationships with other external boards and establish clear engagement agreements and clarify respective lead areas to ensure there replication is avoided.

7.4 Management Responsibility

7.4.1 It is envisaged that each Forum will chaired by a cabinet member from the Council and will have a co-chair from an external agency. Membership of each Forum will include core representation from the NHS, Academia, Birmingham Community & Voluntary Sector and where appropriate Police, Fire and DWP.

7.4.2 We anticipate the secretariat function would be shared with specific members of the Health and Wellbeing Board and would welcome volunteers.

7.5 Diversity & Inclusion

The Forums will help a more granular discussion of diversity and inclusion in the context of the specific topics.