

# BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**BIRMINGHAM HEALTH AND  
WELLBEING BOARD  
TUESDAY,  
19 FEBRUARY 2019**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BIRMINGHAM HEALTH AND  
WELLBEING BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 1500  
HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 3 AND 4, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA  
SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM B1 1BB**

**PRESENT: -**

Councillor Paulette Hamilton, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care in the Chair.

Councillor Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing

Professor Graeme Betts, Director for Adult Social Care and Health Directorate

Andy Cave, Chief Executive, Healthwatch Birmingham

Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Birmingham Children's Trust

Professor Nick Harding, Chair of Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG

Dr Peter Ingham, Clinical Chair, NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG

Paul Jennings, Chief Executive, NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG

Richard Kirby, Chief Executive, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Robin Miller, Health Services Management Centre, University of Birmingham

Stephen Raybould, Programmes Director, Ageing Better, BVSC

Peter Richmond, Chief Executive, Birmingham Social Housing Partnership

Antonina Robinson, Think Family Lead Birmingham, Department for Work and Pensions

Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health, Birmingham City Council

**ALSO PRESENT:-**

Karl Beese, Commissioning Manager, Adults Social Care & Health

Fiona Grant, Children, Young People and Families Public Health Lead

Becky Pollard, Interim Deputy Director of Public Health

Sharon Scott, Education and Skills Directorate

David Smith, Committee Services

Max Vaughan, Behaviour Service Integration Manager, Adult Social Care & Health

Mike Walsh, Service Lead - Commissioning, Adult Social Care and Health

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**NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST**

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The Chair advised and it was noted that this meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site ([www.civico.net/birmingham](http://www.civico.net/birmingham)) and that members of the press/public may

record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

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**APOLOGIES**

- 342 Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Matt Bennett and Sarah Sinclair (but Sharon Scott as substitute).
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**DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

- 343 Members were reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at this meeting. If a pecuniary interest is declared a member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
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**MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

In relation to matters arising from the Minutes, the following were amongst the matters raised: -

- Dr Miller referred to Minute No. 328 and asked when the JSNA engagement plan could be presented to the Board.  
**Action: Dr Justin Varney to present the JSNA engagement plan to the next meeting of the Board.**
- In relation to Minute No. 329, Andy Couldrick advised that, while the Children's Services had been assessed as "requiring improvement", they had not attained "good" as yet.
- With regard to Minute No. 332 c, Dr Miller asked when a standard email of expectations of Champions of Mental Health Employment would be available as a guide to Board members.  
**Action: standard email of expectations to be circulated within the next week after the meeting in relation to actively promoting and supporting employment opportunities for people with SMI within members' organisations through the IPS programme.**

The Chair thanked Dr Ingham for chairing the last meeting in her absence.

- 344 **RESOLVED: -**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2019, having been previously circulated, were confirmed.

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**CHAIR'S UPDATE**

- 345 Councillor Hamilton welcomed Dr Justin Varney as the new Director of Public Health and expressed her sadness that Becky Pollard, Interim Director of Public Health, would be leaving.

The Chair advised that she had met with Matt Hancock, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, in the previous month. She had asked him about the long-term plan and had questioned the lack of input from Local Government. He had suggested that such input should be given through local Health and Wellbeing Boards.

Councillor Hamilton advised that she had taken on the role of Vice-Chair of the West Midlands Combined Authority Wellbeing Board recently and had been asked to take the lead on obesity work. There was an awareness of the considerable amount of work that was being undertaken in Birmingham to tackle obesity.

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**BIRMINGHAM HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PRIORITIES: UPDATE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY**

The following report was submitted:-

(See document No. 1)

Fiona Grant, Children, Young People and Families Public Health Lead, and Paul Jennings, Chief Executive, NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG, presented the report. Paul Jennings drew attention to the need to take a lot of actions simultaneously in order to make a real difference. He pointed out the effect of deprivation and the need to address it as much as possible.

A detailed discussion ensued, during which the following comments were made and responses were given to questions:-

- a. Supermarkets should be encouraged to promote fruit, rather than sweets, and nurseries and schools should be encouraged to offer fruit and water, not fizzy drinks.
- b. Awareness of Healthy Start Vouchers needed to be improved and they should be made available at food banks.
- c. With regard to local communities and leadership groups, Fiona Grant confirmed that the work undertaken would draw on the actions and skills of communities and local groups.
- d. In response to questions about the involvement in and success of the Daily Mile, Fiona Grant advised that 40 schools had taken part and the findings and outcomes were set to be released imminently.
- e. Richard Kirby informed the Board that the Children and Families Team in the Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust would be focusing on preventative work, linking of activities and advice.
- f. It was felt that there was a significant opportunity in relation to the Commonwealth Games 2022 to promote a whole systems approach and increase knowledge regarding exercise. Professor Harding suggested child and inter-school activities at venues before the Games. Dr Varney referred to the legacy from the London Olympics 2012 and advised that

he had challenged his team to review examples of best practice that could be taken up in Birmingham.

- g. **Action: a similar partnership approach to be considered to the ‘sugar free’ month promoted by Sandwell Council and partner organisations.**

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**RESOLVED: -**

That the Board noted some of the interventions already underway to address childhood obesity in the City and supported future system-wide approaches under development.

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**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND – JSNA UPDATE**

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The following report was submitted:-

(See document No. 2)

Fiona Grant, Children, Young People and Families Public Health Lead, gave a presentation on this item.

A detailed discussion ensued, during which the following comments were made and responses were given to questions:-

- a. Work was being undertaken through the SEND Improvement Board, on which the Children’s Trust and Children and Families Directorate were represented. The importance of joint Local Authority and NHS action was recognised.
- b. There were overlaps with the written statement of action and activities were being dovetailed, but the work was ongoing.
- c. There was concern that people were not aware of the availability of personal budgets and that they were not being taken up. It was felt that this should be a matter for Board consideration at a separate meeting.
- d. It was felt that a message could be sent from the Board saying that it would like to see an improvement in the uptake of personal budgets.
- e. Andy Couldrick emphasised that action to improve SEND was based on the action plan and the written statement of action for improvement and that care should be taken to ensure all activities were connected to them.
- f. It was felt that the ‘Voice of Children’ should be highlighted through the SEND Improvement Board.
- g. It was noted that services were being encouraged to work closely together, but that there were gaps in capacity that were causing delays and difficulties.

- h. The Board was asked to support the findings in the Children with SEND JSNA and agree to forward the Children with SEND JSNA to the SEND Improvement Board to inform future strategies and commissioning plans in this area.

**Action: Move the recommendations from the Report and send them to the SEND Improvement Board as a reference item.**

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**BETTER CARE FUND (BCF) GOVERNANCE AND APPROVAL FOR SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS**

The following report was submitted:-

(See document No. 3)

Michael Walsh, Service Lead – Commissioning, presented the report and advised that the first recommendation should be to approve the governance arrangements for the BCF programme.

A discussion ensued, during which the following comments were made:-

- a. Attention was drawn to the responsibility to engage with people, giving them the opportunity to contribute and challenge actions. The roles of Healthwatch and the Birmingham Voluntary Services Council were highlighted.
- b. It was agreed that engagement with people at all levels be included as a condition of approval of the governance arrangements.

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**RESOLVED: -**

- i.) That approval be given to the governance arrangements for the BCF programme, subject to including engagement with people at all levels;
  - ii.) That approval be given to the Health and Wellbeing Board – Better Care Fund terms of reference;
  - iii.) That approval be given to the scheme of delegations for the Birmingham Better Care Fund.
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**SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATIONAL PLAN UPDATE**

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Paul Jennings, Chief Executive, NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG, gave a verbal presentation on this item, making the following comments and responses to questions:-

- a. The Briefing notes from the public event at Villa Park had been circulated to members since the last meeting. A request had been made for clear, 'Plain English' priorities to be put in place by the Portfolio Boards.

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- b. Work had transferred from the STP Board to Portfolio Boards. The STP Board would meet every other month, with Portfolio Boards in between.
- c. The take up of points in the long-term plan was welcomed.
- d. With regard to delays and the need for co-operative working, he acknowledged that there was a lack of synchronicity, but assured members that officers were reminded of that responsibility.

In the light of the change in emphasis to work by the Portfolio Boards, the Chair questioned future update reporting arrangements and it was agreed that Paul Jennings should submit bi-monthly update reports to the Board, with full details from the Portfolio Boards on the work that is being undertaken and how this will impact on citizens, as well as the organisations around this Board.

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### **CQC LOCAL SYSTEM REVIEW ACTION PLAN: PROGRESS MONITORING BY CQC**

The following report was submitted:-

(See document No. 4)

Professor Graeme Betts, Director of Adult Social Care, presented this report.

The Chair advised that she had been interviewed as part of the 'light touch' approach, but had felt that there had been quite strong questioning. Therefore, she was pleased that the Care Quality Commission (CQC) had stated its confidence in the leadership. She thanked Professor Betts for his work on older people's services.

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### **RESOLVED: -**

That the Board:

- i.) Noted the CQC Birmingham Local System Review Progress Monitoring report at Appendix 1;
- ii.) Agreed to future reporting of progress forming part of wider reporting on the Birmingham Older People Programme rather than as a separate report.

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### **NHS LONG-TERM PLAN: A SUMMARY**

The following report was submitted:-

(See document No. 5)

Paul Jennings, Chief Executive, NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG, introduced this report.

A discussion ensued, during which the following comments were made:-

- a. The important role of primary care services was highlighted, but the high quality of work that was being undertaken could not be sustained by GPs and other primary care workers if part of the services was removed. The way forward, including future GP contracts, would be crucial.
- b. Healthwatch funding, engagement with people and the contribution from Local Government were highlighted.
- c. **Action: It was agreed that, as the local 5-year plan was being drafted, consultation should take place with the Health and Wellbeing Board and key leaders in the City to enable them to give an input to the plan.**

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**RESOLVED: -**

That the report be received for information and assurance, subject to the Board being enabled to give input to the process for the 5-year plan.

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**ADULT SUBSTANCE MISUSE TREATMENT PROVISION**

The following report was submitted:-

(See document No. 6)

Max Vaughan, Behaviour Service Integration Manager, Adult Social Care & Health, and Karl Beese, Commissioning Manager, Adult Social Care & Health, presented this report.

A detailed discussion ensued, during which the following comments were made and responses were given to questions:-

- a. Concern was expressed regarding the effect on families, how substance misuse damaged childhood experiences and the impact of prison sentences. It was felt that those matters needed to be addressed 'at source'.
- b. There was concern that investment was needed in services, rather than cuts in funding. Antonina Robinson advised that the Department of Work and Pensions had small pots of funding for local work and that offers of help could only be followed up if people were willing to engage with the service. She was concerned that people were resorting to begging and open substance dealing instead.
- c. It was felt that recovery and prevention arrangements were out of step with the pace of change in other services, such as social care.
- d. Board members were advised that the focus was on key outcomes, including employment and directing people to the right services. The contract was to be extended by 2 years, but would be put out to the market afterwards.

- e. There was a parallel process of development with the wider system, but Max Vaughan accepted that the service needed to move forward quickly and work closely with other services.
- f. It was noted that addressing substance abuse was important and that public health priorities needed to be matched with resources. That involved not just Public Health grants, but also the wider involvement of the Police, Community Care and joint commissioning.
- g. Action: Consideration to be given to partners' involvement and public engagement in the future commissioning cycle, and to the funding position, taking on board comments made at the meeting.**

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**RESOLVED: -**

That the Board agreed:

- i.) To maintain the current treatment system response which has an aim to address the harms caused by drug and alcohol misuse on affected individuals. There is Cabinet permission to award the current treatment provider a contract extension from 2020 to 2022. A review of their contract performance and the current service specification validates the decision to extend for this period. Any reduction in contract value as part of the Council's saving plan for the extension period will aim to be minimized;
- ii.) That during the contract extension period a whole systems review of adult substance misuse prevention, treatment and recovery services is planned to be undertaken to maximise the outcomes of the current system and to develop the future commissioning approach and intentions for when the contract or service functions are re tendered in 2022;
- iii.) That this review with health, criminal justice and social care partners will aim to develop more effective services pathways, collaborations and identify how resources can best be aligned. The Joint Commissioning Group for Substance Misuse will be reconvened to oversee this work with partners from the criminal justice, social care and health sectors.

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**DATE OF NEXT BIRMINGHAM HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD MEETING**

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It was noted that the next Birmingham Health and Wellbeing Board meeting will be held on 19 March 2019 at 1500 hours, in Committee Rooms 3&4, Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B1 1BB.

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The meeting ended at 1700 hours.

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CHAIRPERSON