BRIEFING TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Relationship between the Health and Wellbeing Board and Overview and Scrutiny

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What the issue is:
To initiate discussions to establish a positive working relationship between the Health and Wellbeing Board and Overview and Scrutiny.

The Board is required to:

- Consider and discuss the information and protocols set out within the paper

How to be actioned:

X Report author attending (Councillor McLaren)
X Discussion item
☐ Presentation
☐ Workshop
☐ Circulate offline to Leadership for information
1. Introduction

The purpose of this briefing is to show how the relationship between Overview and Scrutiny and the Health and Wellbeing Board should be developed. The Local Government Association has recently produced a development tool for Health and Wellbeing Boards to assess if the Board is ready, how effective it is in practice and how that effectiveness could be enhanced over a period of time.

It states that to deliver good outcomes on the ground, partnerships require an effective structure, as summarised below:

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<th>Strategy, vision, purpose values</th>
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<td>Strong relationships, agreed ways of working</td>
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Outcomes

2. Relationship with Overview and Scrutiny in Oldham

Overview and Scrutiny Members at Oldham and Bury Councils were successful in receiving 5 days free expert adviser support to determine how they would work with health bodies, voluntary sector and the public. A stakeholder event took place to discuss this and as a result, a councillor guide and working protocols (attached) were produced to develop these working relationships. The key points of the protocols were:

1. To develop positive and proactive working relationships;
2. Working together on issues that would be mutually benefit through a range of approaches e.g. joint task and finish groups, stakeholder events, workshops and meetings;
3. Be able to and willing to consult with others and revise reports/decisions accordingly;
4. Sharing of work programmes at the beginning of each municipal year to avoid duplication of work, whilst informing of key decisions for the forthcoming year;
5. Open and transparent process in decision making;
6. Work together to ensure and have evidence of improved health outcomes for local people;
7. Review the working relationship each year to determine its effectiveness;
8. Agree the relationship between Overview and Scrutiny and external regulators; and
9. After 3 years, Overview and Scrutiny and regulators work constructively with the Health and Wellbeing Board.