

Report to:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Relevant Cabinet Member	Cllr Cain, Cabinet Secretary, Resilient Communities
Date of Decision/ Meeting	18 January 2017

REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIPS AND FORUMS

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 This paper is presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board to put forward proposals for rationalising the governance and meeting arrangements of the Council's partnerships and other statutory boards.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To note the report and support the proposals for new ways of working to be developed, to include consideration of partnership arrangements where possible and appropriate.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The recommendations will allow the further development of the model of Health and Wellbeing Board governance locally and will support more effective working practices.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

To maintain current arrangements would be unfeasible

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priority is Priority Two – Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 Since September 2015 a review of the Council's partnerships, boards and groups has been taking place to identify duplication and gain clarity on membership and purpose.
- 5.2 The diagram at appendix (a) shows the current picture from the starting point of the four statutory partnership boards (Health and Wellbeing, Adults and Children's Safeguarding Boards, and BSafe (Community Safety Partnership)) along with their associated sub-groups, separately funded Boards and other delivery and strategic partnership groups; these are mainly delivering 'priority two – resilient communities' elements of the Council Plan and clearly demonstrate some of the complexities involved in the current arrangements and some areas of overlap that may require further consideration. It is important to note that the diagram is from a local authority perspective and other organisations will have their own governance arrangements which are linked to these.
- 5.3 Since the review began the Children's Partnership has been discontinued and work has been undertaken to align the Adults and Children's Safeguarding Boards which includes bringing together the teams that support the Boards.

Further developments and discussions

- 5.4 At the last Public Sector Board meeting, the Board requested a further piece of work be undertaken to understand the membership, purpose and activity of the various boards and sub-groups to identify any crossover, duplication or further potential areas for alignment; this is available on request.
- 5.5 The chairs of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Safeguarding Boards (Children's and Adults), and BSafe have met to discuss the current governance arrangements of the four statutory boards with a view to aligning agendas and reducing duplication; this discussion was extended to include partners from Lancashire Constabulary and the Clinical Commissioning Group.
- 5.6 At this meeting a number of suggestions were made to rationalise the frequency of meetings and reduce the number of presentations that are routinely delivered to all of the different arenas. These are described below:
- 5.7 **Rationalise meetings**
Currently the Health and Wellbeing Board meets six-weekly, the BSCB and BSAB meet bi-monthly and BSafe meets quarterly. It is proposed that each Board meets quarterly, on a monthly schedule, with an hour slot allocated beforehand for presentations that would usually be made to each Board. Therefore the HWB would meet January, April, July and October; BSCB/AB would meet February, May, August

and November; and BSafe would meet March, June, September and December.

- 5.8 The presentation slot would be widely open for members of any Board to attend; this would free up time in the Board meeting to deal with actual business. For example; the Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Transformation Plan was presented a number of times to different meetings, resulting in some senior officers and elected members repeatedly seeing the same presentation. It is proposed that the new meeting schedule is trialled from 2017.
- 5.9 The Chair of the Adult and Children's Safeguarding Boards has also suggested to trial holding both safeguarding Boards on the same day with an overlap period in the middle; this would address issues relevant to children and adults.
- 5.10 The Strategic Commissioning Group, a sub-group of the HWB has been meeting on a monthly basis since July 2015. It is proposed this group meets quarterly or bi-monthly in the future to support the reduction in frequency of meetings and allow a more focused and theme led discussion to take place.
- 5.11 **Data Analysis**
In terms of data collection and performance monitoring, the post of Data Analyst, funded by BSCB/AB will sit within the Business Intelligence Team, which is now part of the new Corporate Delivery Unit (previously Corporate Development, Engagement and Communications); this will build capacity and facilitate more informed analysis of data. It is also suggested that stronger links are made with the Partnership Analyst based in Lancashire Constabulary with responsibility for BSafe's performance data.
- 5.12 **Quality assurance workshops**
A further suggestion has been proposed by the Chair of the BSCB/AB for a monthly quality assurance workshop to be held. This would involve a particular topic being chosen for a 'deep dive' facilitated discussion between all relevant partners at both strategic and operational level.
- 5.13 **Public Service Calendar**
It is proposed to establish a public sector calendar, which includes dates and details of all formal and informal partnership boards, similar to the Committee calendar, to assist with forward planning.
- 5.14 **Additional consideration: Fylde Coast Health and Wellbeing Partnership**
As part of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Change Programme plans are underway to develop a pan-Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board, with five local Health and Wellbeing Partnerships reporting in to it. Blackpool's Health and Wellbeing Board will be replaced with a Fylde Coast Health and Wellbeing Partnership. It is currently expected that this will begin in 2017, subject to legal advice and Executive approval. This would fit with the proposed meeting schedule set out above, although the detail

has not yet been worked through.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices

Appendix 8(a) - Governance diagram

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 N/a

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None