

**Report for:** Haringey Health and Wellbeing Board  
Islington Health and Wellbeing Board  
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**Title:** Establishment of the Haringey and Islington Health and Wellbeing Boards Joint Sub-Committee

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## **1. Describe the issue under consideration**

- 1.1 On 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017, Haringey and Islington Health and Wellbeing Boards agreed to recommend to their respective Full Council for approval the establishment of a joint sub-committee together with the terms of reference. The Board in effect endorsed the proposed arrangement.
- 1.2 Since this meeting, advice has been received which provides that the power to establish the joint sub-committee rest exclusively with the respective Health and Wellbeing Boards and not Full Council. Therefore, this item is returning back to both Boards to formally establish for the records the joint sub-committee and to approve its terms of reference. The terms of reference has also been amended to expand the remit of the Sub-Committee to include the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy function.

## **2. Recommendations**

The Haringey and Islington Health and Wellbeing Boards:

- 2.1 Agree to the establishment of the Haringey and Islington Health and Wellbeing Boards Joint Sub-Committee to discharge on behalf of both boroughs the functions of; encouraging integrated workings between commissioners and providers of health and care in the two boroughs in so far as it relates to areas of common interest and for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of their populations; and preparing and producing Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy.

- 2.2 Agree to the Terms of Reference of the said Joint Sub-Committee which include its functions, membership, voting rights and order of business and is attached as Appendix 2.

### **3. Background Information**

- 3.1 The officer report that was considered by both Boards at the meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 sets out the background and other supporting information. For the ease of reference, a copy of the report is attached as Appendix 1 and the contents except for the recommendations are adopted for this report. Also, the reference to joint committee should now mean joint sub-committee.
- 3.2 In May 2017, partners signed up to the Wellbeing Partnership Agreement which includes a commitment to bring together the processes underpinning the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and developing a single Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Haringey and Islington by December 2017. As a result, it is considered appropriate at this stage to also delegate the JSNA and JHWS functions to the Joint-Sub Committee.

### **4. Contribution to strategic outcomes**

#### Strategic outcomes

- 4.1 As set out in the previous report, the Wellbeing Partnership is intended to support the populations of both boroughs to live healthier, happier and longer lives; improve health and care services so that people experience more joined up, better quality services at the right time in the right place; and make sure the local health and care system delivers high value care, and is financially sustainable. Islington and Haringey have similar populations, with similar health and care needs, and a shared ambition and vision to provide high-quality, integrated, people-centred services. The Joint Sub-Committee will support the governance of the Partnership.

### **5. Statutory Officer Comments (Legal and Finance)**

#### Finance

- 5.1 The joint sub-committee meetings will have resource implications which will need to be met from existing budgets. However, the Wellbeing Partnership will support the financial sustainability of local health and care services.

#### Legal implications

- 5.2 Section 198 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 provides that two or more Health and Wellbeing Boards may make arrangements for any of their functions to be exercised by a joint sub-committee of the boards. The power to establish the joint sub-committee rest exclusively with both Health and Wellbeing Boards.
- 5.3 The Statutory Guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies provides that "Two or more health and

wellbeing boards could choose to work together to produce JSNAs and JHWSs, covering their combined geographical area. Some health and wellbeing boards may find it helpful to collaborate with neighbouring areas where they share common problems as this can prove to be more cost effective than working in isolation” (Paragraph 3.1). This aligns with the position adopted by both Boards in delegating this function to the Joint Sub-Committee.

**6. Environmental Implications**

None.

**7. Resident and Equalities Implications**

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

The holding of joint meetings is a governance matter and does not have direct resident and equalities implications. However, the Wellbeing Partnership will help to tackle health inequalities in both Islington and Haringey.

**8. Use of Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Report titled Haringey and Islington Joint Health and Wellbeing Board, previously considered January 2017

Appendix 2 - Draft Haringey and Islington Health and Wellbeing Boards Joint Sub-Committee Terms of Reference

**9. Background papers**

None.