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SHADOW HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD – REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

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1. Summary

This report presents the draft revised Terms of Reference of the Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board for approval, and sets out how the Statutory Board should operate in the future.

2. Recommendations

The Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to:-

- A. Approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board.
- B. Agree to give consideration, over the next 12 months, as to how it best prepares for the creation of the Statutory Board in April 2013 including a development programme for Health & Wellbeing Board Members.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are entirely neutral for Shropshire Council in terms of Human Rights, equalities, and environmental consequences.

5. Background

The first draft Terms of Reference for the Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board were approved by the Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board on 25th May 2011. It was agreed that the Terms of Reference would be subject to review after 12 months given the evolving nature of the Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board.

The initial membership of the Shadow Board was in keeping with the core membership proposed by the Government. Since then progress has been made in developing the Stakeholder Alliance (a report on these developments was taken to the Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board on 18th January 2012). However, no formal arrangement has been finalised as to how stakeholders can best be represented on the Board. Whilst the Alliance is still in development, it is considered valuable to have a representative from an established network on the Board. Therefore, it is proposed that the Chair of the Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly (VCSA) becomes a member of the Board until such time as the Stakeholder Alliance development is complete. It is anticipated that this will be finalised in readiness for the establishment of the Statutory Health and Wellbeing Board in 2013..

Once the Board becomes statutory (target date April 2013, subject to the passing of the Health & Social Care Bill) the Terms of Reference will need to be reviewed and amended to fully reflect the statutory nature of the Board.

6. Additional Information

Health & Wellbeing Boards are intended to lead on improving the strategic co-ordination of commissioning across NHS, social care and related children's and public health services. The Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board will need to consider, during the course of the next 12 months, how best to prepare for the creation of the Statutory Board in April 2013.

Using the development of a Shropshire Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy as a starting point the Health & Wellbeing Board will establish its vision and values and identify the key priorities for improved health and wellbeing in Shropshire. Once these have been agreed, the Health & Wellbeing Board will need to develop a dashboard of key information to enable it to assess progress against priorities.

The success of the Health & Wellbeing Board will depend on building constructive relationships between Board members, the NHS, local partners including the voluntary sector, communities and other bodies; it may also require working with other Health & Wellbeing Boards regionally.

Members of Health and Wellbeing Boards will have a shared responsibility for developing and contributing to the delivery of the joint health and wellbeing strategy and the intended outcomes. Health & Wellbeing Boards in their entirety will be accountable to communities, service users and overview and scrutiny committees whilst individual members of the Health & Wellbeing Boards will be formally accountable to different parts of the system.

The Statutory Health & Wellbeing Board will be a new type of Board for the Local Authority. The Board will be structured in a different way from previous joint/partnership arrangements. It will need to function and behave differently to other committees of the Council. Whilst the statutory responsibilities for the Health & Wellbeing Board will fall to local authorities, it will need to have real

teeth and operate with determination to make a difference to health outcomes of local people through working together. A development programme will be needed for members to support these new ways of working and the further development of the vision for the Board. Crucially, unlike many previous partnerships, it will need to be able to take decisions and commit resources at its meetings, without relying on delegation or reporting up to existing structures. This will require, amongst other things, strong leadership and adopting different ways of doing business. The way reports are written and presented to the Board and the way business is conducted during the meeting will need to add value over and above our current partnership arrangements. To that end a strong relationship with Shropshire Partnership will be essential to ensure that connections are made with issues that have their roots in the wider determinants of health such as employment and community safety.

There is a high public expectation of Health & Wellbeing Boards delivering something new and different and the relationship with stakeholders will need to be managed effectively through open and transparent communication. Health & Wellbeing Boards are the vehicles by which the NHS, local government and local communities could work together effectively to improve services and health and wellbeing. Effective decision making based on robust evidence and efficient use of resources will be the key stone.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

1. Terms of Reference for Health and Wellbeing Board - report to Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board on 25th May 2011
2. Stakeholder Alliance Development – report to Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board on 18th January 2012.
3. Revised Terms of Reference – Cabinet 21st May 2012

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Appendices

Appendix A – Revised Terms of Reference April 2012.