



ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

MONDAY 25 JULY 2022

REPORT TITLE	ESTABLISHMENT OF CHESHIRE AND WIRRAL PARTNERSHIP MENTAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION WORKING GROUP
REPORT OF	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek agreement to terms of reference to the Working Group and to seek appointment of members to it.

The Wirral Plan 2021-2026 sets out the Councils vision to secure the best possible future for our residents, defined by the community prosperity we create and supported by our excellent people and services. This proposal directly supports the following key themes within that plan:

- A prosperous inclusive economy where local people can get good jobs and achieve their aspirations; and
- Safe, vibrant communities where people want to live and raise their families.

This matter has no ward implications and is not a key decision.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is recommended to:

1. confirm that the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership (CWP) Community Mental Health Transformation Working Group be appointed for 2022/23 with terms of reference identified in paragraph 3.3 of this report;
2. agree the size of the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Community Mental Health Transformation Working Group;
3. authorise the Monitoring Officer as proper officer to carry out the wishes of the Group Leaders in allocating Members and named deputies to the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Community Mental Health Transformation Working Group and to appoint those Members with effect from the date at which the proper officer is advised of the names of such Members.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 Agreeing the Terms of Reference will allow the Working Group to have a clearly defined scope for the review topic having regard to the request from Committee. This will allow officers to better understand the desired outcomes and present more timely and pertinent information to the Working Group.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 The Committee could seek changes to the Terms of Reference of the Working Group, and it has discretion as to the size of the Working Group.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 On 14 June 2022, the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee received a report on the CWP Community Mental Health Transformation which provided the background and a summary of the activity undertaken in Cheshire and Wirral in respect of delivering the NHS Long Term Plan targets for community mental health.
- 3.2 Upon consideration of this report, the Adult Social Care and Public Health committee, amongst other matters resolved that a task and finish group should be established in order to provide feedback to the consultation phase of the Community Mental Health Transformation Programme.

The working group is in acknowledgement of concerns raised by the Committee and will allow for scrutiny and input into the consultation phase of the Community Mental Health Transformation Programme. Its purpose is not to micromanage the process but to allow scrutiny and offer assurance to elected members across both the Committee and the wider Council chamber.

- 3.3 It would be appropriate for the Committee to agree Terms of Reference for the Working Group and agree its size and membership. The purpose of this report is to seek agreement to terms of reference to the Working Group (as set out in Appendix 1 to this report) and to seek appointment of members to it.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There will be minimal costs arising from setting up the Working Group.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 In June 2021 the Constitution and Standards Committee resolved to approve the Guidance Principles for establishing a Working Group. The guidance was for all Policy and Service Committees and in summary it states amongst other matters that, if a committee is of the view that a Working Group is the mechanism to provide the best outcomes for a given topic, it should ensure that the Working Group scope has

been clearly defined. The document also provides that consideration should be given to:

- Appointment of the Chair and Members of the Group. The Chair can either be appointed by the parent committee or at the first meeting of working group/task finish;
- Agreeing the Scope of the Working Group; and
- Number and frequency of meetings.

5.2 On completion of its work the panel should produce a final report with clear recommendations to present to the relevant Policy and Service Committee for consideration.

5.3 Whilst there is no legal requirement for the Working Group to be politically proportionate members may wish to have regard to proportionality with reference to the allocation of seats on Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no substantive ICT Staffing and Assets implications arising out of the proposals set out within this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 The management of risks to the Council in respect of its Regeneration Programmes come in the form of managing the risks to delivery, as well as managing the commercial and financial risks and the risks for proper governance and legality

7.2 The Working Group can gain further insight into the risks and relevant mitigations of risk as part of its work.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 Consultation has not been undertaken on the proposals given that the purpose of the Working Group has already been determined by a previous Committee decision.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity.

9.2. Whilst there are no equality implications arising from this report, the associated actions arising from the project and programmes that Council are involved with may need to be assessed and any equality issues mitigated in terms of any negative impact that may emerge.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no environment or climate implications arising from the proposals set out within this report.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

11.1 There are no Community Wealth Building implications arising from the proposals set out within this report.

REPORT AUTHOR:

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Terms of Reference of Working Group

APPENDIX 1

Purpose of the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Community Mental Health Transformation Programme Working Group

To review and contribute to the ongoing development of Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Community Mental Health Transformation Programme and to aid greater understanding of the key issues arising from it and the reasonable options that exist to address those issues

The Working Group will report their findings and any recommendations to the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee.

Membership of the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Community Mental Health Transformation Programme Working Group

1. The Working Group comprise xx members
2. The Council's Substitution Scheme will apply
3. The Chair of the Working Group will be selected by the Group from amongst its number.
4. The Working Group meetings must have at least 3 members to be quorate.

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Community Mental Health Transformation Programme Working Group Arrangements and Principles

1. The Members will be supported by officers as appropriate.
2. The Working Group has no decision-making powers. Its purpose is to aid greater understanding of issues, desires, and policy development.
3. Meetings are not open to the public, but outcomes from the Working Group will be made available to all Members as appropriate.
4. The Working Group will cease upon it concluding its work and reporting its findings to the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee.