

**From:** Roger Gough – Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform

**To:** County Council 10th December 2015

**Subject:** Kent Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2014-2015

**Summary:** The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board is required to report annually to Kent County Council summarising how it has discharged its statutory duties and associated functions.

**Recommendations** – That the County Council is asked to agree that the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board has fulfilled its responsibilities under its Terms of Reference and to note the comments made by Members on the issues identified in the report for further consideration.

## 1. Background

- 1.1 The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board was established following the enactment of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. From 1 April 2013 it became a committee of Kent County Council although from September 2011 the Health and Wellbeing Board operated in shadow form as part of the Government's Early Adopter programme.
- 1.2 Under the terms of reference for the Board it is required to submit an annual report to the County Council detailing how it has met its statutory obligations and performed other important functions that fall within its terms of reference. The report is not intended to be a comprehensive review of the Health and Social Care system in Kent but focusses on the work of the Board itself.

## 2. The Report

- 2.1 The attached report details the activity of the Board during the period April 2014 to March 2015. Particular attention is given to how the Board discharged its statutory responsibilities as required under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- 2.2 Appendices to the report give detail on the agenda items considered, the terms of reference the Board operates within, and the structure of the Board and its subgroups and committees. Other sections of the report describe initiatives that have been developed with the involvement of the Board during the year and commentary on how some of the issues are being progressed in the current year.

## **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 That the County Council is asked to agree that the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board has fulfilled its responsibilities under its Terms of Reference and to note the comments made by Members on the issues identified in the report for further consideration.

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