

## **Manchester City Council Report for Resolution**

**Report to:** Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board – 4 July 2012

**Subject:** Health and Wellbeing Board interface with the Executive Health and Wellbeing Group

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### **Summary**

The purpose of this paper is to set out how the development of the Executive Health and Wellbeing Group will work to support the work of the board. This report describes how and why this group was established and outlines the rationale for continuing the work of this group to act as a support to the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board

### **Recommendation**

#### **The Board is asked to:**

1. Approve the establishment of the Executive Health and Wellbeing Group and to consider how the board can work with this group to progress the priorities of the board.
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## Introduction

1. The Securing our Shared Future Programme (SOSF) Board was established by NHS Manchester in 2009 as a forum to bring together chief executives of NHS organisations in the city. The Board's primary purpose was to address the financial challenges facing the health economy in Manchester and help deliver the QIPP (Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention) savings identified by Sir David Nicholson. The Deputy Chief Executive (Performance) was initially a member of the Board representing the Council. However, it soon became evident that a stronger alliance between NHS chief executives and the Strategic Management Team of the Council was required, to think through and discuss the wider impacts of the public sector reform agenda. Therefore the "Manchester NHS Leaders Group" evolved from the SOSF Board and was chaired by the Chief Executive of the City Council from March 2011.
- 1.2 Now that the Manchester Health and Well Being Board is established in shadow form, it is important to revisit the role of the Manchester NHS Leaders Group. This note sets out the rationale for the group to continue albeit under a different name, in order to avoid confusion with the clear leadership role of the Health and Well Being Board (HWBB). The suggested name for the group is the Executive Health and Well Being (EHWB) Group.
- 1.3 The Leader of the Council, as Chair of the Manchester Health and Well Being Board, and Executive Member for Adults are fully supportive of the proposal below.

## 2. Rationale for the Executive Health and Well Being (EHWB) Group

- 2.1 The primary focus of the EHWB Group will be to provide a discussion space/think tank to support system reform across the NHS and Council. The group will ensure that when issues related to the reform agenda are considered by the HWB Board, sufficient information has been collated to aid debate and discussion. This will help to avoid surprises, which could have reputation implications for member organisations. The intention is not to stifle debate but to ensure Board decisions are based on sound evidence, or where there is disagreement the relative positions of Board members are well understood.
- 2.2 The EHWB group will focus on the key relationships between the Council and NHS organisations, operate as an officer group in a similar way to internal arrangements to the Council, and serve and support the Board
- 2.3 The specific objectives of the EHWB Group will be to;
  - Link the expressed priorities of the HWBB with the system reform agenda at a Manchester and City Region level
  - Support the agenda of the HWBB by facilitating joint strategic thinking in pursuit of the HWBB aims
  - Further strengthen and maintain relationships amongst key partner organisations, maintaining high level oversight as organisational

structures continue to emerge through 2012-2013 (e.g. NHS Commissioning Board) and new governance arrangements begin to bed down

- Explore and develop new ways of shared working to support the work of the HWBB through key policy areas such as Safe and Sustainable, Community Budgets and the New City Deal
- Advice and support to the HWBB in its decision making role on joint strategy and joint commissioning across the City

- 2.5 It is proposed that the Chief Executive of Manchester City Council will continue to chair the group. The membership will be drawn from NHS organisations and the Council's SMT only, as it is not dealing with the broader range of partnership issues that will come directly to the HWB Board.
- 2.6 The group will meet bi-monthly, in between health and well-being board meetings. This will allow the Chief Executive and Strategic Director for Adults HWB at MCC the opportunity to appraise the Leader, Executive Member and members of key issues as appropriate. Similarly NHS members of the group will be able to discuss pertinent issues with their respective Boards/Executive Teams.
- 2.7 The role of the EHW Group will be reviewed in the context of the Health and Well Being Board becoming a statutory Committee of the City Council from April 2013.