

Committee(s):	Date(s):
Health and Wellbeing Board	4 th July 2013
Subject: Health and Wellbeing Board Development Days	Public
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	For Decision

Summary

This report reminds Members of the history of shadow Health and Wellbeing Board development days, proposes a further Development day for the new Board and sets out some dates in September when it can take place.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Agree to hold a Health and Wellbeing Board Development Day in September 2013
- Agree a date as the most suitable for the majority of Board Members

Main Report

Background

1. Development days were originally introduced as a way of helping shadow Health and Wellbeing Boards to take on their new roles and responsibilities. They helped to develop the new ways of working and relationships necessary for being a mixed group of officers, political members and partner organisations with the powers of a grand committee.
2. To assist in this process external consultants (Fiona Reed Associates) were commissioned to co-ordinate and facilitate six development day sessions. Five of these sessions took place in 2012/13 while the Board was still in shadow form.

Current Position

3. While the shadow board found the facilitated sessions very helpful, the final session on May 17th did not take place because of the other commitments of new Board members, who had not been involved in setting the date and the

change in both Director of Community and Children's Services and Director of Public Health.

4. Board members had already begun to discuss the need for development days for the full board, whether they should be facilitated and whether they should focus more on public health issues rather than roles and responsibilities and ways of working but these discussions were not completed

Options

5. The Health and Wellbeing Board could decide to close the programme of Development Days or ask Officers to draw up a programme of future Development Days but as Fiona Reed Associates have already been commissioned to facilitate one more day as part of their original contract it seems a better option to let Board members use this day to reach these decisions themselves.

Proposals

6. Therefore the proposal is to run one more development day where Fiona Reed Associates can help the Board to review the progress made in Board development over the last year and identify any outstanding relationship and governance issues. The Board could also use the day to look at how it might discuss public health issues in more depth in these less formal meetings and decide how it wants to take the development day programme forward
7. As the full Board membership is much larger (13) than the shadow board (8) it will be more difficult to find whole days that all Board members can attend. Therefore three dates in September are being proposed which Fiona Reed Associates and the Chairman can attend and the Board are asked to agree which of the three dates is suitable for the majority of other members.

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