CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CABINET

| Date of Meeting: Report of: | 2 April 2012 Lorraine Butcher, Strategic Director – Children, Families and Adults Services |
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| Subject/Title: | Report in relation to Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board's Terms of Reference |
| Portfolio Holder: | Cllr. Janet Clowes |

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 Cabinet received a full report on the Cheshire East Shadow Health and Wellbeing Boards terms of reference in November 2011. This was then presented and debated at full Council in December 2011.
- 1.2 Full Council raised a number of concerns in respect of the proposed terms of reference and these primarily related to member representation on the board and voting rights of board members.
- 1.3 The draft terms of reference took account of the current information from the proposed Health & Social Care Bill and guidance provided centrally on the role and expectations of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 1.4 It is important to note that the Bill has been through various revisions to date and could be subject to further amendments prior to proceeding towards royal assent. There is no known timescale for the completion of this Bill.
- 1.5 The current Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board continues in pre shadow status until April 12 when the first formal shadow year commences.
- 1.6 Health and Wellbeing Boards are anticipated to become statutory bodies in April 2013.

2.0 Decision Required

- 2.1 That Cabinet support the recommendation that further work on the Health and Wellbeing Boards terms of reference is paused until the passage of the Health and Social Care Bill has been completed.
- 2.2 That Government may well provide additional guidance that would need to be accounted for post assent of the Bill.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 That further work on the draft terms of reference at this stage would not be the best use of time given the continued discussion of the Bill and the potential for further revisions to occur.

4.0 Wards affected

All

5.0 Local Ward Members

All

6.0 Policy Implications

6.1 The health and wellbeing of the residents of Cheshire East is everyone's business and as such implications for future policy development, service redesign and budget setting should account for the impact on the health and wellbeing of our population and indeed the future priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board once this is formally constituted.

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 No known financial implications at this stage in respect of the terms of reference.

8.0 Legal Implications

8.1 Further advice from legal services will be sort to inform any further work on the draft terms of reference once the passage of the health and Social Care bill has been completed.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 Corporate risks have been determined in respect of Health Partnerships, and this is reported to the Corporate Risk Management Group.

10.0 Background and Options

10.1 Please refer to the previous report to cabinet at appendix 1 for fuller details of the current draft Health and Wellbeing Board terms of reference.

Appendix 1 – Current Draft Terms of Reference are within the report of the 28/11/11 to Cabinet.

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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