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Dear District Board Members

District Board Meeting, Monday, 24th June - Proposed Postponement

Thank you for your responses to our survey on the purpose, benefits and future of the District Board. From your replies, it is clear that – amongst other things – the District Board is seen as a means of ensuring strategic alignment of plans and strategies across partner agencies and in giving an opportunity for us to collectively comment and influence major initiatives affecting the District.

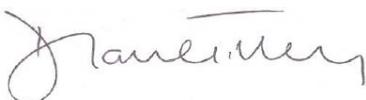
Having reviewed the key strategies that we would wish to bring to the attention of the District Board, we have become aware that the scheduled date for our next meeting (24th June 2013) will fall too early to enable a full and meaningful discussion of two important pieces of work. Firstly, the Staffordshire Health & Wellbeing Strategy is to be published later this week with a consultation period running through to September 2013. It is felt preferable for a number of consultation opportunities (such as Voluntary Voice and our own Health and Wellbeing Group) to take place first enabling our time at District Board to be an opportunity to consider the responses we would wish to make on behalf of Lichfield District, rather than just hearing about the plans and responding individually. Secondly, the Police & Crime Commissioner's Plan for Staffordshire is due for publication shortly and, again, an opportunity to consider this collectively would seem preferable.

None of the items that we have been notified of for the agenda on the 24th June 2013 are time critical and therefore could be deferred to a later date. This includes of course a full report on the survey on the Board.

We appreciate that the summer months are a busy period and many people have holidays already arranged but, given the above, we propose that the next meeting of the District Board is postponed to Thursday 25th July at 4.00 p.m. We apologise for the short notice on this proposal, but believe that it will enable us to have a better informed debate on these important matters.

Please reply by return if you would strongly prefer the meeting to take place on 24th June 2013, as originally planned. Otherwise, we shall proceed on the basis of meeting on 25th July 2013 instead and contact you again in due course.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive

