

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	Health and Wellbeing Board
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Title:	Update from the Hampshire Districts Health and Wellbeing Forum
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1. Recommendation

- 1.1. That the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board notes the intention of the Hampshire Districts Health and Wellbeing Forum in focussing resources, for the next six months, to support the development of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

2. Summary

- 2.1. This report provides an update on the work of the District Health and Wellbeing Forum which was set up as a subgroup of the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board, to ensure an effective two-way communication between the Forum and its parent Board.
- 2.2. This report highlights a range of approaches that members of the Hampshire Districts Health and Wellbeing Forum have been considering, in helping the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board take forward the development of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

3. Future scanning

- 3.1. The Forum met on both the 20th February 2018 and the 24th May 2018, where it considered the future direction from 2018 and in particular, the exploration and development of priority actions under the auspices of 'Healthier Communities'.
- 3.2. Within the existing Strategy, it is clear that there is a clear role for Local Government with a vision of Healthier Communities defined as a "place where people feel safe, and have high quality services". It also reflects the need for "flexible transport links, adequate access to shops and good quality housing".
- 3.3. In identifying what the Strategy intended to achieve, the success factors were identified as working to 'reduce the significant differences between those with the best and worst health in Hampshire'.

- 3.4. Reflecting on this, the Forum recognised that whilst the vision spoke to the 'wider determinants of health' and universal service provision, the ambition of the strategy appeared to be targeted to those with the worst health outcomes.
- 3.5. The Forum considered the distinction between these two very different roles and how we could use this knowledge in shaping the next Strategy.
- 3.6. Our role in tackling the wider determinants of health, such as the inclusion of health and wellbeing policies within Local Plans is well known. Indeed we have provided the Board (December 2017 and March 2018) with strong evidence linking contact and exposure to the natural environment with improved health and wellbeing e.g. improved physical and mental health and reduced risk of cardiovascular disease as well as consistent evidence that having access to recreational infrastructure, such as parks and playgrounds, is associated with reduced risk of obesity among adolescents and increase in physical activity
- 3.7. However our role in delivering specific 'interventions', such as local campaigns or projects to tackle health inequalities is an area where there appears to be less recognition of the role of Local Government (and the Forum) as a delivery body either directly or through achieving solutions and added value, working with our partners.
- 3.8. The Forum therefore raised a host of additional approaches which could seek to either deliver on the wider determinants of health, or target those with the worst health outcomes by;
 - Ensuring the Forum is engaged in the system planning and commissioning intentions for community based services
 - Involving the Forum as a stakeholder at an early stage, to help formulate specifications that can provide added value to 'Healthier Communities'
 - To support an approach which is responsive to the differences between communities including focused activity in Lower Super Output Areas/deprived communities
 - Continue to share best/innovative practice around planning, design of green spaces etc.
 - Develop the links between CCG/HCC commissioned services and local physical activity opportunities
 - To work with HCC and CCG's to help shape commissioning of local services and the roll out of initiatives such as Connect to Support and the new mental health and wellbeing data toolkit.
 - Working and aligning prevention activity with the work undertaken by CCG's with the potential for use of Transformation funding or establishing 'invest to save' opportunities to enable the collaborative use of expertise and knowledge.

4. Next steps for the Forum and the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- 4.1. There is a real opportunity to harness the expertise and enthusiasm in driving forward a healthier communities agenda amongst Local Government and our broader partnership and networks. As part of this, Local Government is in a unique position to 'build in' opportunities for improved wider determinants of health through a range of levers at the local level.
- 4.2. Austerity remains a feature for all organisations involved in health and wellbeing. However, opportunities exist to improve outcomes on the wider determinants of health through 'invest to save' collaborative approaches.
- 4.3. The forum would like therefore to work with the Board on identifying where we can collectively, make the biggest impact. As part of this, there may need to be a discussion regarding the timespan for that impact, recognising that actions taken today may not produce a monitorable benefit for years to come.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Strategic Plan**

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;

Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;

Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;

Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;

Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.3. An impact assessment has not been undertaken as this report is an update and is not proposing any decision.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. An impact assessment has not been undertaken as this report is an update and is not proposing any decision.

3. Climate Change:

a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

3.1 An impact assessment has not been undertaken as this report is an update and is not proposing any decision.