

AGENDA ITEM

**REPORT TO HEALTH AND
WELLBEING BOARD**

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR
OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT – UPDATE

SUMMARY

Health and Wellbeing Boards have a statutory duty to develop a Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The paper outlines the development of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Stockton.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board is asked to:

- Receive and comment on the update

DETAIL

1. The Department of Health set in 2013 out that:

‘Health and Wellbeing boards have a statutory duty to develop a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy that meets the needs identified in the JSNA. As with JSNAs, they are produced by health and wellbeing boards, are unique to each local area, and there is no Statutory Guidance on a mandated standard format. In preparing JHWSs, health and wellbeing boards must have regard to the Secretary of State’s mandate to NHS England which sets out the Government’s priorities for the NHS. They should explain what priorities the health and wellbeing board has set in order to tackle the needs identified in their JSNAs.The importance of JSNAs and JHWSs lies in how they are used locally – as well as identifying the local community’s needs, they also provide a significant opportunity to tackle and make a real impact on extreme inequalities experienced by some vulnerable and seldom heard groups, and to integrate local services around their users. ‘

2. The Health and Wellbeing strategy identifies priorities for health and wellbeing for local populations and the approaches that will be taken to achieve positive change and outcomes in these areas. The strategy focuses on the needs of residents and communities and highlights the key areas for the Health and Wellbeing Board and its member organisations to concentrate on.
3. The current Joint Health and Wellbeing strategy for Stockton 2012-18 will expire this year. A refresh of the strategy for the next years in therefore required. The ongoing development session and work with the HWB has highlighted that the new strategy will need to reflect the evolution of the board over the coming year in terms of different ways of working and setting smaller number of key priorities which are of high priority to board members.

4. The development of the new strategy 2018/19 -2024 will be informed by the process outline below.
 - a review of health and wellbeing data and information from routinely available information, local surveys and consultations for Stockton including the JSNA
 - an assessment of progress against the current strategy
 - relevant national and local guidance, strategies and plans
 - insight from local residents, communities and stakeholders on needs, challenges and possible solutions
 - development of a set of pictures across the life course to represent issues that matter to communities and how they would like to see improvements in health and wellbeing in the next five years.
5. The overall aim of the Health and Wellbeing Board is to improve the health of the population and to reduce inequalities. A discussion with residents, communities and the Board on their vision for the next five years will be crucial in defining the key priorities and the best approach to achieve these. An assets based approach been suggested to tackle the challenges and inequalities in health and wellbeing faced by local communities and organisations.
6. The current strategy identified three key priorities: 1. 'Give every child the best start in life', 2. 'Addressing ill health prevention', and 3. 'Getting the infrastructure right'. Based on the ongoing development process the new strategy is likely to maintain a focus on supporting children and families and to support residents in the Borough to live healthy and independent lives. A likely new focus could be addressing the wider determinants of health.
7. The update will provide further detail and ask members of the HWB to comment on the suggested development process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no financial implications for the Health and Wellbeing Board related to this update.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The Department of Health describes the statutory duties and responsibilities of the HWB in relation to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy¹.

RISK ASSESSMENT

10. A working group has been established to deliver on these statutory duties.

COUNCIL PLAN

11. The Health and Wellbeing Strategy will take account of and should have a positive impact on both the Council Plan and key strategies of partner organisations of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

¹ Statutory Guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies. 2013. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/223842/Statutory-Guidance-on-Joint-Strategic-Needs-Assessments-and-Joint-Health-and-Wellbeing-Strategies-March-2013.pdf

CONSULTATION

12. A consultation with residents, communities and stakeholders will form part of the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

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