

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

13TH FEBRUARY 2025

**REPORT OF SENIOR
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET DECISION

Portfolio Title - Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Steve Nelson

HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY 2025-30

SUMMARY

1. The local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-30 aims to unite ambitions and commitments across the Council, local organisations, partners and the community to improve health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities. The Strategy is owned by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) as the local statutory group responsible for strategic direction, oversight and assurance on improving health, wellbeing and health inequalities.
2. The new draft Strategy focuses on supporting local action on the building blocks of health and wellbeing, bringing a greater focus on the socio-economic determinants of health and helping maximise collective resource.
3. The Strategy has been developed through a collaborative, evidence-based approach to ensure it aligns with local needs and aspirations. The focus has been on strategic alignment, ensuring fit with the Council Plan, Powering our Future and a range of Council and partner strategic documents e.g. the Integrated Care Board (ICB) plan *Better Health and Wellbeing for All*.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)/DECISION(S)

Cabinet is asked to consider and approve the Strategy, to provide clear direction to the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the local health and wellbeing system in improving health and wellbeing and addressing inequalities for the local community.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that Cabinet considers and approves the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-30.

DETAIL

4. The Strategy has been developed through a collaborative, evidence-based approach to ensure it aligns with local needs and aspirations. It has been developed based on data, evidence,

insight, community views and through HWB development sessions with HWB support throughout the process. The Strategy is public-facing while providing strategic direction to key partner organisations. Community and service-user views have informed its shaping based on information from a range of consultations, surveys and focus groups conducted over recent years. We will continue to work with groups such as Bright Minds Big Futures and Healthwatch have also agreed to support next steps. In-line with moving to more meaningful co-production with communities (beyond the Strategy document), the focus will be on establishing an ongoing process for developing the work programme articulating delivery; also the process for capturing outcomes and impact (the outcomes monitoring framework).

5. Strategic alignment has been a focus of developing the Strategy, ensuring fit with e.g. the new Council Plan, Team Stockton, Powering our Future and key strategies across SBC and HWB partners.
6. The Strategy adds value through applying a health and wellbeing perspective to key issues and focusing on the collective action that will have the most impact and support efficient use of collective resource.
7. The HWB approved the draft Strategy on 31/01/25. It provides a high-level framework; an annual work programme and outcomes monitoring framework are in development and will be considered by HWB in the coming months.
8. A series of HWB development sessions has been running (September to December 2024), to embed new ways of working in-line with the new Strategy. These sessions have focused on Board function, oversight and added value. Further work will be undertaken on the Board's approach to seeking assurance and monitoring impact / performance at system level. The LGA will also be supporting the Board this year on key issues such as embedding co-production in the life of the Board, learning from areas of good practice.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

The Strategy supports the delivery of A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees and the Population Intervention Triangle model for addressing health inequality as agreed through Cabinet. It aligns closely with the design principles for the Council and Powering our Future: community- and local place-based approaches, prevention and early intervention, addressing inequality, close partnerships, maximizing efficiency and taking an intelligence- and evidence-lead approach.

The Strategy (and its accompanying delivery plan and outcome monitoring approach) aims to drive improvement in health and wellbeing and reduction in health inequalities across the borough, through a focus on working alongside communities and promoting the conditions that create good health and prevent ill health. This will include community activity and universal support through to early help and targeted support for communities (geographic and non-geographic) who need it most. The Strategy should drive our collective approach to key issues across the borough, and the resulting shaping of support and commissioning of services. As the Strategy is implemented, impact assessments (CIA / Equality and Poverty Impact Assessment) should be carried out in relation to key policies, plans, approaches and service decisions. The voice of the community is key in this process and will be embedded in the implementation of the delivery plan and the life of the Health and Wellbeing Board as this develops further.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

The Strategy will support the Council's work to prevent children and families being in the situation where children need to come into our care. It also aligns with wider activity and plans for the Council, children's services and partners, in ensuring that children in our care and their families and care-givers, and care-leavers, are supported to have the best possible health and wellbeing, accounting for their specific needs.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no direct revenue or capital spend associated with the Strategy. Work to implement the Strategy may result in financial implications for the Council and / or Health and Wellbeing Board partners, including consideration of how resources could be directed differently e.g. to support earlier prevention activity;

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The production of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy ensures the Health and Wellbeing Board complies with its statutory duties under the Health and Social Care Act (2012). There are no further legal implications.

RISK ASSESSMENT

This Health and Wellbeing Strategy is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

WARDS AFFECTED AND CONSULTATION WITH WARD/COUNCILLORS

All wards in the Borough will be impacted by the implementation of the Strategy. Where there are specific implications for individual wards in the course of its implementation, ward Councillors will be key in these discussions.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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