


Health and Wellbeing Board Wednesday 26 th July 2017	 Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board
Report of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets	Classification: Unrestricted
Health and Wellbeing Strategy - Delivering the Priorities: Healthy Place	

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Executive Key Decision?	No

Executive Summary

This action plan was developed by the Board Champion Group for the Healthy Place priority of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy consisting of:

- Cllr David Edgar
- Cllr Danny Hassell
- Judith St John (Sports, Leisure and Culture)
- Flora Ogilvie (Public Health)
- David Tolley (Environmental Health and Trading Standards)
- Somen Banerjee (Public Health)

The plan sets out what will have been achieved by March 2018; the overall plan for the year; what we will do in the next three months and how we will measure success, for each of the actions within the Healthy Place priority area:

Action 2. 1: We aim to identify three areas in the borough where there is a particular need to improve the physical environment (e.g. lack of green space, population growth) and engage with residents and local organisations on priorities for improvement to benefit health and wellbeing

Action 2.2: Develop a process to ensure that the impacts on health and wellbeing made by major developments are routinely assessed and considered in planning decisions

Action 2.3: Support the council's Air Quality Plan and implement an air quality communications campaign across the partnership targeted at residents to:

- increase awareness of poor air quality, how to minimise exposure and adopt less polluting behaviours
- introduce pledges from organisations to minimise their impact on air pollution

Recommendations:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Review and comment on the action plan

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The report sets out the proposed action plan for the Healthy Place priority with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy in order to realise the ambition of the strategy. The action plan has been developed based on knowledge of the existing work that is already ongoing and what is thought to be realistically achievable within existing budgets.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The alternative option would be not use the strategic asset of the Health and Wellbeing Board, its members and networks to realise the ambition within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 See attached report

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1. The proposed action plan sets out the delivery of the Healthy Place priority of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 4.2. The proposed action plan will be delivered through existing officer capacity and within the division's existing budget. There are no additional resources required for the delivery of the action plan.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 ("the 2012 Act") makes it a requirement for the Council to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board ("HWB"). S.195 of the 2012 Act requires the HWB to encourage those who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in their area to work in an integrated manner.
- 5.2. This duty is reflected in the Council's constitutional arrangements for the HWB which states it is a function of the HWB to have oversight of the quality, safety, and performance mechanisms operated by its member organisations, and the use of relevant public sector resources across a wide spectrum of services and interventions, with greater focus on integration across outcomes spanning health care, social care and public health.
- 5.3. Section 116A of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 places a duty on the HWB to prepare and refresh a joint strategic health and wellbeing strategy in respect of the needs identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, so that future commissioning/policy decisions are based on evidence. The duty to prepare this plan falls on local authorities and the Clinical Commissioning Group, but must be discharged by the HWB.

5.4. When considering the recommendation above, and during the review itself, regard must be given to the public sector equalities duty to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010. The duty is set out at Section 149 of the 2010 Act. It requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have 'due regard' to the need to eliminate discrimination (both direct and indirect discrimination), harassment and victimization and other conduct prohibited under the Act, and to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a 'protected characteristic' and those who do not share that protected characteristic.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

6.1. The Healthy Place priority aims to target action to improve health and reduce health inequalities where the need is greatest through targeted action around environmental determinants of health

7. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

7.1 Sustainability and environmental improvement to support health are closely aligned e.g. air quality, green space. The actions within this priority therefore impact on sustainability and health.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

8.1. Actions proposed will be carried out within existing budgets and no specific risks are identified

9. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Improving the physical environment may have an impact on both health and crime and disorder.

10. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

10.1 Not applicable

Appendices and Background Documents

Appendices

- Action plan for Healthy Place priority

Background Documents

- NONE

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