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<p>Report of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Health and Wellbeing Strategy - Delivering the Priorities: Healthy Place Tackling Fast Food: A Wicked Issue</p>	

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Executive Key Decision?	No

Executive Summary

The Food Poverty Action Plan aims to ensure that affordable healthy food is available within walking distance of residents facing or at risk of food poverty - 365 days of the year.

This Plan is the result of a focused piece of work that pulled together policy makers, thought leaders, and over 50 community stakeholders – working at the poverty, health, and community frontlines - into a consultation event, follow up workshops, and follow on conversations.

Consultees strongly identified the key theme of ensuring that food poverty issues are integrated into a broader poverty strategy. Consequently, the Food Poverty Action Plan sits within a broader Poverty Plan currently being developed.

The result is a series of pragmatic actions outlined in 5 workstrands:

- Local Healthy Food
- Buying, cooking, and eating healthy food
- Holiday Hunger
- Food growing
- Generic actions to support the Action Plan

And there are 3 priority actions:

1. Maximise the potential of school catering contractual arrangements to improve child health and educational attainment
2. End the negative impact of school holidays on the most vulnerable families with young children
3. Set up a food supply innovations team that reviews how healthy food is supplied to residents today, and helps shape food supply, cooking and eating habits in the future.

The third priority action will be considered at today's Board.

Public Health commissioned Shift to conduct a Stealthy Food feasibility study. This study considers the opportunities available to the local authority and partners to intervene in the fast food environment to reduce calorie consumption in the local population. The findings and recommendations of this report will inform the work of a proposed food supply innovations team.

Recommendations:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Review and comment on the draft food poverty action plan
2. Set a level of ambition for the borough based on the feasibility study

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The report sets out the proposed Food Poverty Action Plan for Tower Hamlets, with a focus on one of three main priorities. The Plan has been developed based on knowledge of the existing work that is already ongoing. The levers to intervene in the fastfood environment are limited, and the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to consider the level of ambition set in this area.

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 reports

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1. There are no direct financial implications on Council resources as a consequence of the recommendation within this paper. Any costs associated with delivering the action plan will be contained within the public health budgets.

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. Development of a food poverty action plan falls within the remit of the Board.
- 5.3. When considering the strategy 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 Food Poverty Action Plan, and its priorities, is specifically targeted at the most deprived groups within the borough, i.e. people with insufficient income to purchase and eat sufficient food, and a lack of access to healthy food.

7. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 7.1 Sustainability and environmental improvement to the food environment are closely aligned eg increasing access to green space, reducing food waste. 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

- Appendix 1 - Draft Food Poverty Action Plan
- Appendix 2 - Stealthy Food feasibility study summary

Background Documents

If your report is a decision making report, please list any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- NONE

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