


<p>Health and Wellbeing Board Tuesday 7 November 2017</p>	
<p>Tower Hamlets Strategic Partnership</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Community Plan refresh 2018</p>	

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Executive Key Decision?	No

Summary

The Council and its partners have undergone significant changes in the way that they work and the context in which they work in, including a shifting political context both locally and nationally, reduced resources and a number of local challenges.

The Tower Hamlets Partnership has therefore recently re-established itself, and begun work on a refreshed Community Plan for 2018. The presentation, to be brought to the Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board, will set out the current picture and the proposed plan to develop the Tower Hamlets Community Plan 2018.

Recommendations:

The Health & Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Comment on the proposed approach and emerging picture as set out in the presentation;
2. Explore how the emerging picture fits in with local challenges and priorities around health and wellbeing.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

1.1 N/A

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

2.1 N/A

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 The Tower Hamlets Partnership was re-established at the beginning of 2017 to explore how partners can deal with local challenges more collaboratively, and work more effectively together on common areas of concern.
- 3.2 Building on this, the Partnership has initiated a refresh of the Community Plan for 2018. This work has been progressing over the last several months, primarily through the development of an evidence base. This has consisted of community engagement activities, a 'State of the Borough' analysis and an analysis of public sector spend within Tower Hamlets.
- 3.3 To progress this work further, we are in the process of consulting internally and with key stakeholders and partners to feed into the process and ensure that the right information from across the work of the Partnership is captured, in order to maintain as much accuracy and collaborative working as possible.
- 3.4 Through the presentation, to be brought to this Board, the HWBB will be asked to consider the emerging picture so far, comment on it and how it may link in with its priorities and key issues, as well as feeding in their thoughts on any gaps relating to health and wellbeing.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 This report relates to the re-establishment of the Tower Hamlets Strategic Partnership, to look at how partners can work more collaboratively and effectively to deal with local challenges and concerns with the primary aim of producing a community plan 2018.
- 4.2 Feasibility exercises and consultations are currently taking place so at this stage any potential financial implications or considerations for the Local Authority are unclear. Any funding or resource implications will need to be properly considered in light of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy as part of the refresh of the community plan.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1. The Deregulation Act 2015 has amended the Local Government Act 2000 to remove the requirement for local authorities to have sustainable community strategies. This follows upon the changes made by the Localism Act 2011,

which removed the well-being power (i.e. the power to promote or improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of Tower Hamlets) and replaced it with a general power of competence. The Council can still have a Community Plan, but the statutory basis must lie in securing the effective delivery of the Council's statutory functions.

- 5.2. The Council is a best value authority within the meaning of section 1 of the Local Government Act 1999. Pursuant to section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council is required to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. The development of a plan in conjunction with the Council's partners to secure effective delivery of the Council's functions may be considered consistent with this duty. The duty is ongoing, however, and implementation of the various high level objectives will also need to comply with the duty.
- 5.3. When preparing and adopting the Community Plan, the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (the public sector equality duty). A proportionate level of equality analysis is required in order to discharge the duty.
- 5.4. The Council is required to consult for the purposes of deciding how to fulfil its best value duty. Any consultation carried out for the purposes of preparing the Community Plan or assessing its impacts should comply with the following criteria: (1) it should be at a time when proposals are still at a formative stage; (2) the Council must give sufficient reasons for any proposal to permit intelligent consideration and response; (3) adequate time must be given for consideration and response; and (4) the product of consultation must be conscientiously taken into account. The duty to act fairly applies and this may require a greater deal of specificity when consulting people who are economically disadvantaged. It may require inviting and considering views about possible alternatives.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The Community Plan 2018 refresh will take account of the Partnership's core commitment to equality, cohesion and community leadership.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The approach to the refresh of the Community Plan will be in recognition of the context of reduced resources in which all partners are working. The aim will be to develop innovative and collaborative solutions to key areas of concern and priority issues across the borough, which all partners are involved in.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 The Community Plan refresh 2018 will endeavour to prioritise actions that work towards a greener environment as much as is reasonably practicable.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 A broad level of consultation needs to take place before a draft plan is produced at the beginning of 2018, but we are working with partners to ensure that this takes place as thoroughly as possible, within the given timescales.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The Community Plan refresh will aim to work towards producing actions that continue to reduce crime and disorder within Tower Hamlets.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices

- NONE

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

- NONE

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