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<p><b>Report of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets</b></p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted</p>
<p><b>Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Healthy Place</b></p>	

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<b>Executive Key Decision?</b>	No

### **Executive Summary**

This report provides an update on the Health and Wellbeing Board's Healthy Place priority action plan.

*Action 2.1: We aim to identify three areas in the borough where there is a particular need to improve the physical environment (eg. lack of green space, population growth) and engage with residents and local organisation on priorities for improvement to benefit health and wellbeing.*

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

*Action 2.3: Support the council's Air Quality Action 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 the Healthy Place update.
2. Provide its support to the Healthy Streets approach to be presented at the board.

## **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 The updates in this paper relate to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority, creating a Healthy Place to enable the board to track progress against its ambitions.

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 Without progressing these critical projects, the Health and Wellbeing Board, its members and networks would fail to realise the ambition within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Healthy Place.

## **3. DETAILS OF REPORT**

- 3.1 The Healthy Place priority Board Champions Group developed an action plan for delivery within 2017-18, and beyond. This paper provides an update against these actions.
- 3.2 *Action 2.1: We aim to identify three areas in the borough where there is a particular need to improve the physical environment (eg. lack of green space, population growth) and engage with residents and local organisation on priorities for improvement to benefit health and wellbeing.*

Through the Whitechapel Vision programme, we have identified three areas for community engagement focused on physical environment development: Collingwood Estate, Chicksand Estate and Sydney Estate. A programme of community engagement with residents in each of these areas has been established to inform regeneration programmes within existing infrastructure. For example, on Chicksand Estate local residents have co-designed improvements to green space within the estate and feasibility studies are underway.

Further work that has taken place in 2017-18 against this action includes:

- Publication of Open Space Strategy.
- Green Grid Strategy refreshed, with a programme to 'green' eleven areas within the borough for the benefit of mental wellbeing and encouraging increased physical activity. These areas are: Oval Public Square, Gillender Street, Sale Street, Andrew Street, Buxton Street East, Buxton Street West, Bow School, Spindrif Avenue, Boundary Estate – Redchurch Street / Old Nichol Street, Leonard Street, Pedley Street.
- Physical Activity Strategy is underway, with a focus on getting people to be active as part of their everyday lives and encouraging sedentary people to take up activity, as this is shown to have the biggest impact on population health.
- The 'Health section 106' account brings together all council activity into a single portfolio of work taking place across the council. Further work

next year will shape this programme against areas of greatest health need.

- Five locations have been identified for urban gym sites: Ropewalk Gardens, Rounton, Ion Square, St John McDougall and Jolly's Green. We are working with Patient Participation Groups within nearby general practices as part of an engagement and activation programme to encourage their use.
- Pocket Park work has focussed on St Leonards Priory to engage the local community to repurpose this site.
- The Local Infrastructure Forum has surveyed local residents to determine priority themes for improvement in each electoral ward.

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

The draft Local Plan includes requirements for Health Impact Assessments to be conducted in major developments. The Local Plan will be examined in Autumn 2018. We would like to expand the consideration of health impact assessments from development to also incorporate planning. The draft London Plan places emphasis on the adoption of the Healthy Streets Assessment tool in planning decisions. We invite the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider this tool and its adoption in order that we can take forward a dual approach in 2018/19. Details of the Healthy Streets tool are available in Appendix A.

3.4 *Action 2.3: Support the council's Air Quality Action 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*
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The consultation on the Air Quality Action Plan was conducted over summer 2017. The action plan has now been completed and implementation has commenced. Oversight of its delivery is through the Air Quality Partnership Board, chaired by the mayor, which met for the first time in December 2017.

A communications campaign is currently being co-designed between Communications, environmental health, transport, education and public health colleagues. An initial campaign is likely to focus on support in schools.

We would like to engage the Health and Wellbeing Board partners in a discussion on increasing the number of, electric, hybrid, and cleaner vehicles in their fleets, in 2018/19, as is committed to within the Air Quality Action Plan.

#### **4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 4.1 This report recommends the Health and Wellbeing Board to review the Healthy Place update and support the Healthy Streets approach. The costs associated with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority of creating a Healthy Place will be met within existing revenue budget (including funding through the Public Health grant) and existing capital programme budget (including funding through Section 106 allocations).

#### **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”). Section 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. Considering the update on the Health and Wellbeing Board’s Healthy Place priority action plan falls within the remit of the Board.

#### **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. Environmental factors that are most detrimental to health are those found in areas of greatest deprivation.

#### **7. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

- 7.1 Coproducing local action for better health and wellbeing, considers improving the health-related aspects of place, including access to open spaces, improving air quality and other environmental considerations.

#### **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 Community engagement work to improve the physical environment is shown to have a positive impact on crime and disorder.

## **10. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT**

10.1 Not applicable

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### **Appendices and Background Documents**

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- Healthy Streets tool

#### **Background Documents**

- None

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