Health and Wellbeing Board

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Delivering the Health and Wellbeing Strategy - Discussion Paper

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Executive Key Decision?	No

Summary

This is a brief paper that looks ahead to how the Board will oversee the delivery of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy. It sets out proposals on

- 1. A high level dashboard for overseeing the priority actions
- 2. The role of Board Champions
- 3. How priorities will come to the Board for discussion and action

Recommendations:

The Health & Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Review the paper and the questions for the Board that are set out in it

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

1.1 The purpose of the paper is to ensure that there is a clear and agreed process from the Board perspective on how the actions of the strategy are delivered.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

2.1 Alternative options may emerge from the discussion at the Board. However, the option of not having the discussion would be that focus on driving change through the strategy may be lost.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

3.1 See attached.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

4.1 The proposed actions set out in the draft delivery strategy are anticipated to be undertaken within existing resources; there are no additional financial implications arising from the report.

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.
- In preparing this strategy, the HWB must have regard to whether these needs could better be met under s75 of the National Health Service Act 2006. Further, the Board must have regard to the Statutory Guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies published on 26 March 2013, and can only depart from this with good reason.

- 5.5 The review of the strategy provides the opportunity to refresh and update the focus of the HWB to reflect current and future needs within the borough. This review programme provides the basis for the HWB to collate the perspectives of all relevant and interested parties before agreeing any final strategy and plan.
- 5.6 When considering the recommendation above, and when finalising 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 strategy is fundamentally about addressing health inequalities and ensuring that the health needs of those in greatest need are addressed. Ensuring that action is concerted and impactful will be essential and this is the issue addressed in the paper.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

7.1 This paper is about ensuring the best use of the senior resource of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the strategy itself notes the issue of rising costs of the health and care economy in the context of declining resources and the need to integrate the system better to ensure efficiency.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

8.1 Health Place is one of the five priorities of the strategy and there is a strong link between sustainability and health benefits.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The main risk of the strategy is creating expectation and not delivering. This paper seeks to mitigate this risk by agree a way forward to oversee delivery and establish ownership by the Board of its priorities.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Although the implications are not direct, the strategy makes the link between feeling safe and mental and physical health.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

• Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017

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