

Non-Executive Report of the: Health and Wellbeing Board Tuesday 2 February 2021	 Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board
Report of: Cllr Rachel Blake, chair of Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board	Classification: Unrestricted
Tower Hamlets Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2020-25: update and agreement on draft proposals	

Originating Officer(s)	Polly Ashmore, Public Health Specialty Registrar
Wards affected	All wards

Executive Summary

A presentation will update the Board on Strategy progress:

- Key messages from two workshops in early January to test principles and priority areas;
- Draft proposals for the Strategy, including ways of working for the Board;
- Plans for public consultation on the Strategy.

Recommendations:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Discuss and agree draft proposals for the strategy.
2. Agree the consultation plan and Board member contributions/support for the consultation process.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 Development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy has been adapted to ensure full engagement of the Board at pace, in the context of reduced timelines due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 1.2 Within this plan, final proposals, ways of working and plans for consultation will need to be jointly agreed by the board at next meeting on February 2nd 2021.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The board could not receive a progress update and take part in a discussion to agree proposals and consultation plans for the Strategy, but this would undermine the Board's statutory role in agreeing and driving forward its Strategy for 2020-25.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 A review of key health and wellbeing data, alongside public engagement to hear residents' views on key issues, took place in Spring-Summer 2020;
- 3.2 Following this, interviews with Health and Wellbeing Board members took place throughout October 2020 to gather their views on the role and remit of the Board and its Strategy, and what the priorities of that Strategy should be.
- 3.3 On 17th November the Board agreed priority health areas: the health impacts of poverty, MH and emotional wellbeing, and healthy diet and exercise.
- 3.4 Following this, two workshops (January 8th and 11th 2021) brought together Board members and stakeholders to discuss: the wider determinants that impact these health priority areas across the life course; the mechanisms to impact those wider determinants; and what role the Board should play in driving forward change across both wider determinants and health & wellbeing support services across the borough in the next five years.
- 3.5 This meeting will provide an opportunity to update the full Board on the outcome of those workshops (some Board members were not able to attend due to urgent Covid-19 priority work), to present final proposals for the Strategy, and to agree a plan for consulting on these with the public in February-April 2021.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The equalities implications of the new strategy are embedded within its development approach.
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Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE – presentation to be brought to the meeting.

Appendices

- NONE

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

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

- NONE

Officer contact details for documents:

N/A