


Health and Wellbeing Board Tuesday 21 st June 2016	
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Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2020: developing a strategy that will make a difference - next steps	

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Executive Key Decision?	No

Summary

Based on the discussions at the Board meeting in March and previous workshops, there is consensus that the Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Strategy should be 'a strategy with a small number of core, widely owned, accountable objectives, but that is adaptive and responds to feedback'.

The Board has identified five areas for transformation:

- Addressing the health impacts of deprivation
- Helping communities lead change around health
- Healthy place
- Tackling childhood obesity
- Developing a truly integrated system to support health.

At the meeting, Board members have been asked to present back a powerpoint presentation addressing the following seven questions around transformational area:

- Why is this important issue for health and wellbeing in Tower Hamlets?
- What is currently being done to improve outcomes?
- Where would we like to be in 3 years (vision statement)?
- Within this area, what does the Board need to focus on?
- What are the top areas of action the Board needs to focus on over the next 12 month to drive transformational change (max 2) and why?
- What is required to make this happen?
- What are the top indicators that the board needs to track (max 3)?

These presentations and subsequent discussion will provide the basis for the draft of the strategy that will come to the next Board meeting.

Recommendations:

The Health & Wellbeing Board is recommended to discuss the presentations focussing particularly on the areas of action and indicators.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The reasons for the decision are to identify a small number of widely owned, accountable objectives for the strategy

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 If the Board were not fully involved in key decisions around the shape and approach of the strategy it would fail

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 See attached report

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 This paper moves forward the discussion on the Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2020. There are no direct financial implications indicated at this stage as a result of the recommendations in this report.
- 4.2 The Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016 - 2020 would need to factor in the financial resources which are available during the period covered by the strategy in accordance with the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.

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.

- 5.4 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 ensure the priorities identified are the right areas of focus for the strategy before agreeing any final strategy and plan.
- 5.6 When considering the recommendation above, and during the review itself, 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 about how health can be improved for the borough as a whole but with a particular priority on how those in greatest need can be targeted.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 One of the drivers shaping the strategy are the cost pressures on the health and care economy and this will need to be a consideration in the discussions

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 Healthy planning is one of the transformation areas identified

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The proposals in the paper are draft currently and address a risk that the strategy focus does not engage the board and reflect the priorities and approach that will work for the board in years to come

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There may be interdependencies between strategies such as those relating to crime and disorder and the priorities emerging through health and wellbeing strategy

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices

- Report on Health and Wellbeing Strategy workshop, January 2016
- Report on Kings Fund Strategy workshop, October 2015

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

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

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- State NONE if none.

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