


Health and Wellbeing Board Tuesday 9 th August 2016	 Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board
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Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2020 - focussing actions and next steps	

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Executive Key Decision?	No

Summary

The role of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy is to provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with clear areas of focus for the next three years for driving change to improve health and wellbeing in the borough. The focus of the strategy is to identify those areas over and above business as usual and where the Board through its leadership role across the health and care economy can make a difference.

There will be a presentation at the Board to discuss:

1. Finalising of actions proposed at previous board discussion for priority areas
2. Consultation timetables
3. Action planning

Recommendations:

The Board is asked to discuss the issues raised in the presentation.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The reasons for the decision are to provide the Board with a strategic focus for transformation change through identification of a small number of widely owned, accountable objectives for the strategy and to discuss how agreed priorities will be taken forward.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 If the Board did not have strategic focus it would not be effective

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

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4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 The Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Strategy focuses on five priority areas of which successful delivery over the medium term will depend on strong cross organisational and departmental partnership working. Capacity building and attention to acquiring the right infrastructure will take time and resources that will require coordination and management.
- 4.2 At this stage, there are no financial implications to report until a more detailed action plan is agreed.
- 4.3 The structure and detailed action plan for implementing the strategy will be incorporated into the Councils' outcomes based budgeting process as part of the 2017-20 medium term financial strategy. .

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 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 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. It highlights the issue of significant health inequalities between Tower Hamlets and elsewhere and within Tower Hamlets itself

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 One of the drivers shaping the strategy is the cost pressure on the health and care economy. The priorities identified will all have implications around prevention, reducing demand for future health and care services eg employment and health, integrated health system, reducing childhood obesity. Best value will be a critical priority of the Health and Wellbeing Board discussions over the next three years.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 Healthy place is one of the transformation areas identified. Implementation of this priority will involve identifying the synergies between sustainability and health improvement.

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

- NONE

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