

Cabinet 7 March, 2017	 TOWER HAMLETS
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Consultation on Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020 -summary of findings and implications	

Lead Member	Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs, Cabinet Member for Health
Originating Officer(s)	Somen Banerjee, Director of Public Health
Wards affected	All Wards
Key Decision?	No
Community Plan Theme	A Healthy and Supportive Community

Executive Summary

The consultation on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy was conducted between 11th November and 23rd December. This involved an:

- online survey,
- an engagement event at the Ideas Store led by Health Watch
- Presentation at a range of stakeholder meetings.

This report summarises the findings and implications and sets out the proposed approach to delivery. It notes the strong support for the priorities and proposed outcomes as well as the value of the qualitative feedback in providing rich insights from residents and local organisation to shape the action plans.

Recommendations:

The Mayor in Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note the findings of the consultation and the approach to delivering the strategy
2. Formally approve the Strategy

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The purpose of the decision is to formally approve the Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Strategy that has been developed by the Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board following a period of consultation between the 11th November and 23rd December

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 To proceed with the strategy without formal approval

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 Please see attached report setting out findings of consultation, approach to delivery of strategy and final strategy report

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 This report does not have any additional financial implications. The cost of implementing the Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be met from a combination of the Public Health Grant (£35.974m 2017/18) General Fund resources (£88.074m 2017/18) and resources from partner organisations such as the CCG.

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”) and 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. 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.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 In preparing this strategy, the HWB was to have regard to whether these needs could better be met under section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006. Further, the Board was to 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.

- 5.4 The HWB considered the Health and Wellbeing Strategy on 21st February 2017 when it approved the Strategy.
- 5.5 The final approval of the Strategy is an Executive function for the Mayor in Cabinet.
- 5.6 In considering whether to approve, it should be noted that consultation has been undertaken and which is required to comply with the following common law criteria:
 - (a) it should be at a time when proposals are still at a formative stage;
 - (b) the Council must give sufficient reasons for any proposal to permit intelligent consideration and response;
 - (c) adequate time must be given for consideration and response; and
 - (d) the product of consultation must be conscientiously taken into account.

and the Mayor in Cabinet will be required to consider whether the consultation was appropriate and must conscientiously take into account the consultation responses before approving the Strategy.

- 5.7 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 Healthy 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 Consultation has been essential to mitigate the risk that that strategy priorities and actions are in line with public perspectives and expectations. It is also essential for ongoing engagement and involvement on delivery

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.

11. SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The integrated system priority is an essential element of effective safeguarding

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Tower Hamlets Together - Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-20
- Appendix 2 - Consultation on Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020 - summary of findings and implications

Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

- NONE

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