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**REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

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**Date of Meeting:** 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

**Subject:** Health and Wellbeing Strategy

**Responsible Officer:** Carole Furlong  
Director of Public Health

**Public:** Yes

**Wards affected:** All

**Enclosures:** Documents attached:  
- Harrow Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy  
- Obesity Plan for Harrow

## **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a statutory requirement, and sets out the strategic objectives and focus for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Board, to address the health and wellbeing needs of the population of Harrow. The strategy will be for a five year period from 2020 – 2025. The Strategy was due to be presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2020, it has now been refreshed with Covid-19 implications.

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy also incorporates the Obesity Action Plan. The plan has been formed by a group of stakeholders and is based on the needs identified in the Obesity Needs Assessment 2020.

**Recommendations:**

The Board is requested to:

Approve the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Harrow.

The Board is further requested to identify a Councillor and a GP as 'healthy food champions'

## **Section 2 – Report**

Please see attached strategy document.

### **Ward Councillors' comments**

n/a

### **Financial Implications/Comments**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report however any future changes in expenditure arising from the implementation of the strategy and delivery of actions detailed in the strategy document will need to be contained within existing the financial envelope for all partner organisations.

The delivery of public health outcomes are funded by a specific ring fenced government grant which totals £10.8m for 2019-20. The longer term funding of Public Health has yet to be confirmed, with the potential for the service to be funded by business rates.

It is not clear what impact, if any, the changes to the funding will have on the level of available resource and future funding decisions will be considered as part of the annual budget setting process.

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### **Legal Implications/Comments**

Legal note there are no specific implications and risks identified within this Report. Any decisions undertaken in the delivery of the Health Wellbeing strategy will be subject to any relevant governance considerations

### **Risk Management Implications**

The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is aligned to the strategic direction set through other strategies in the borough including the Borough Plan, integrated care. This will maximize the opportunities and strengthen delivery plans.

As with other strategies, flexibility and adaptation to changing political landscape will be important.

### **Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty**

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No

If yes, summarise findings, any adverse impact and proposed actions to mitigate / remove these.

If no, state why an EqIA was not carried out.

The strategy is grounded in tackling inequalities and addressing health and wellbeing needs across the borough.

## **Council Priorities**

Please identify how the decision sought delivers these priorities.

The strategy addresses the priorities for Harrow 1-5 through collaborative actions across the council, CCG and wider partners.

- 1. Building a Better Harrow**
  - Create a thriving modern, inclusive and vibrant Harrow that people can be proud to call home
  - Increase the supply of genuinely affordable and quality housing for Harrow residents
  - Ensure every Harrow child has a school place
  - Keep Harrow clean
  - More people are actively engaged in sporting, artistic and cultural activities in ways that improve physical and mental health and community cohesion
  
- 2. Supporting Those Most in Need**
  - Reduce levels of homelessness in the borough
  - Empower residents to maintain their well-being and independence
  - Children and young people are given the opportunities to have the best start in life and families can thrive
  - Reduce the gap in life expectancy in the borough
  
- 3. Protecting Vital Public Services**
  - Harrow has a transport infrastructure that supports economic growth, improves accessibility and supports healthy lifestyles
  - Healthcare services meet the needs of Harrow residents
  - Everyone has access to high quality education
  - A strong and resourceful community sector, able to come together to deal with local issues
  - Harrow continues to be one of the safest boroughs in London
  
- 4. Delivering a Strong local Economy for All**
  - A strong, vibrant local economy where local businesses and thrive and grow
  - Reduce levels of in-work poverty and improve people's job opportunities
  - Harrow is a place where people and businesses invest
  
- 5. Modernising Harrow Council**
  - Deliver excellent value for money services
  - Reduce the borough's carbon footprint
  - Use technology and innovation to modernise how the Council works
  - Improving access to digital services

### **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance (Council and Joint Reports)**

**[Note: If the report is for information only, it is the author's responsibility to decide whether legal and / or financial / Corporate Director clearances are necessary. If not, the report can be submitted without these consents.]**

Name: Donna Edwards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the* Chief Financial Officer
Date: 19/12/19		
Name: Sarah Inverary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the* Monitoring Officer
Date: 19/12/19		

Name: Paul Hewitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corporate Director
Date: 19/12/19		

<b>Ward Councillors notified:</b>	<b>NO</b>
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### **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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**Background Papers:** see attached strategy document, and obesity plan