

REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Date of Meeting: 11 May 2017

Subject: **INFORMATION REPORT –**
Harrow Health and Wellbeing Strategy
progress report

Responsible Officer: Dr Andrew Howe,
Director of Public Health
Harrow Council

Exempt: No

Wards affected: All

Enclosures: Appendix 1 – Harrow Health and
Wellbeing action plan

Section 1 – Summary

This report sets out progress made against the nine actions which the Health and Wellbeing Board committed to for 16/17 to implement the Harrow Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

FOR INFORMATION

Section 2 – Report

The Harrow Health and Wellbeing Board committed to monitoring actions to implement the Harrow Health and Wellbeing Strategy with a view to understanding how to celebrate and improve partnership working. Progress is reported against all action in the accompanying appendix 1.

For the period 17/18, it is anticipated that whilst the Health and Wellbeing Strategy is still highly relevant, consideration should be given to how the North West London Sustainability and Transformation Plan may inform direction of travel and action planning in Harrow from here on.

Section 3 – Further Information

There will be no further updates in relation to a specific Harrow Health and Wellbeing Strategy action plan. Instead, it is proposed the updates will come as a result of collaborative discussion around local implementation of the North West London Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

Section 4 – Financial/Legal Implications

There is no budget assigned to the Health and Wellbeing Board, however the priorities are supported and resourced by various workstreams across the Council and partner organisations. As a result the action plan is expected to be delivered within the existing financial envelope for partner organisations.

For the period 17/18, actions relate to the Sustainability and Transformation Plan which reflect the Harrow Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities are anticipated to define the focus of collaborative action. Given the financial challenges across partner organisations, any activities arising from these actions, in particular those with resource implications, will need to be considered and prioritised within the context of the respective annual budget setting processes.

It should be noted that in February 2016 Cabinet, as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, approved significant reductions to the public health team and the services commissioned from April 2018. The public health team provide the majority of the Council support to the delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and it may prove challenging to continue to support the strategy within the reduced level of resources.

The terms of reference for the Health and well being board include developing a joint health and wellbeing strategy, and ensuring that Harrow Council and the CCG commissioning plans have had sufficient regard to the Joint Health and Wellbeing strategy.

Section 5 - Equalities implications

This is only an action update report and EQIA has been discussed previously. The Harrow Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out an approach to improve the health and wellbeing of the whole population concentrating particularly on those with the greatest need. It explicitly highlights health inequalities associated with deprivation but also equalities groups (based upon the evidence presented in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) and reinforces the need for approaches which target and reach these groups.

Section 6 – Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

Please identify how the report incorporates the administration's priorities.

- **Making a difference for the vulnerable**
The strategy highlights the unacceptable differences between people living in different parts of Harrow and the Health and Wellbeing Board's desire to narrow the six-year gap in life expectancy across the borough.
- **Making a difference for communities**
The Strategy talks about helping people to live well, a large component of which is about community cohesion but also about how important the environment people live in – their housing, high streets and green spaces – are to resident's health.
- **Making a difference for local businesses**
One element of the Strategy is to support Harrow residents to 'work well'. The Harrow Health and Wellbeing Board is keen to find opportunities to help people in Harrow to be financially secure by finding good jobs and staying in work in an organisation which promotes health and wellbeing. Engaging with local businesses will be key to successful achievement of this objective.
- **Making a difference for families**
The strategy highlights the need to support children from the womb to adulthood to be safe, happy and have every opportunity to reach their full potential. Children need to be loved and nurtured if they are to achieve long term physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. Good attachment with our parents and carers in early life are important so a family focused approach is critical to help children have the best start in life.

STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

(Council and Joint Reports)

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Donna Edwards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 11 April 2017		
Name: Sharon Clarke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 11 April 2017		

Ward Councillors notified:	NO
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Section 7 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: Harrow Health and Wellbeing Strategy