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**Title of meeting:** Health and Wellbeing Board

**Subject:** Health and Wellbeing Strategy refresh

**Date of meeting:** 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Report by:** Director of Public Health, Portsmouth City Council

**Wards affected:** All

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**1. Requested by**

Chair, Health and Wellbeing Board

**2. Purpose**

To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on progress with updating the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 On 5<sup>th</sup> February, members of the Health and Wellbeing Board came together in a development session to consider the approach to the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the city. It was proposed, and there was broad consensus in support, that the new strategy should focus on the significant issues where existing conditions are driving poorer outcomes for the population, e.g. because of the scale of the issue locally or because Portsmouth is an outlier from the rest of the country. The approach suggested would take these areas and identify the things that would be necessary to create a "new normal" for Portsmouth, where outcomes were routinely better than is currently the case.
- 3.2 Four main themes were identified:
- Educational attainment
  - Social isolation
  - Active travel
  - A "liveable and loveable" city - looking at issues such as housing, culture, green environment etc
- 3.3 Unfortunately, it was not possible to progress this work further, as the response to the Covid-19 pandemic absorbed the capacity of officers who would have been working on taking this forward. It is also the case that the full impact of the pandemic on the community has yet to be understood, in terms of how this changes

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the position on the identified priorities (likely to be substantial in some cases) and what new issues emerge.

3.4 It is therefore proposed that work resumes on this early in the New Year, and including a specific focus on understanding the immediate and longer-term pandemic effects.

**4. Setting the Health and Wellbeing Strategy in context**

4.1 The role of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy needs to be understood in the context of the other developing plans in the city, most notably the emerging City Vision, the Blueprint for Health and Care in Portsmouth and the developing priorities for Health and Care Portsmouth. In essence:

- The City Vision (Imagine Portsmouth) will provide a clear guide for everyone working in the city on what the people of Portsmouth think is most important to aspire to in the future.
- The Health and Wellbeing Strategy will focus on the wider determinants of health in the city - what is stopping people in the city thriving, and therefore what needs to happen to enable them to thrive.
- The priorities for Health and Care Portsmouth identify the key groups and service areas that need to be the focus of commissioning, and identify where services and responses need to be in place from the earliest points of intervention through to higher level support.
- The Blueprint sets out the aspiration for how services should be received by residents of the city, setting out a range of commitments around access, quality and ways of working - ultimately, the Blueprint is about ensuring that the outcomes and experiences for residents are never compromised because of the way organisations and institutions organise themselves.

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 Signed by Helen Atkinson, Director of Public Health, Portsmouth City Council

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location