

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

**Date of meeting:** 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Subject:** Health and Wellbeing Strategy

**Report by:** Helen Atkinson, Director of Public Health

**Wards affected:** All

**Key decision:** No

**Full Council decision:** No

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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To present a draft of a refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWS) for Portsmouth and seek agreement from the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) to progress to wider consultation on the strategy, with the objective of completing the refreshed strategy in February 2022.

**2. Recommendations**

**2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board are recommended to:**

- Agree the content of the document for consultation
- Agree board level leads for each of the priorities
- Support the recommendations from the Chief Medical Officer's recent report into health outcomes in coastal communities
- Agree the process for consultation
- Agree that the final document will return for agreement in February 2022.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 In July 2021, the HWB considered a series of draft priorities for the refreshed HWS and agreed that the focus of a future strategy should be around significant issues where Portsmouth is an outlier from the rest of the country, and where existing conditions are driving poorer outcomes for the population. 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 It was agreed that the HWS is part of a wider group of developing plans in the city, most notably the Blueprint for Health and Care in Portsmouth and the developing priorities for Health and Care Portsmouth. It was agreed that:

- 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.
- The Health and Wellbeing Strategy will focus on the wider determinants in the city - what is stopping people in the city thriving, and therefore what needs to happen to enable them to thrive.
- The city's Imagine Portsmouth 2040 sets out the long-term vision for the future of our city agreed by a wide range of representatives of residents, businesses and organisations who live and work in Portsmouth.

3.3 On this basis, five priority areas were confirmed, based on evidence from a range of sources:

- Tackling Poverty
- Improving Educational attainment
- Positive Relationships
- Housing
- Air quality and active travel.

3.4 It was agreed that these priorities would be worked up further in a series of workshops and return in more developed form to the HWB before a wider consultation on the document is carried out.

## **4. Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

4.1 Throughout the autumn, a range of workshops and discussions have taken place to look at the themes, attended by nearly 100 stakeholders. In each of the workshops, conversations considered the forces that are driving improvements or deteriorations in situations; what we could do to amplify positive forces and dampen those driving poorer outcomes; and what levers did the HWB have to act on these issues. These conversations were then resolved into a series of priority areas of work, each with identified actions.

4.2 As discussed in the previous meeting, the objective of the HWS is not to duplicate work that is already taking place, but to identify those areas where the HWB can add value by coming together and acting collectively as a system, and also by thinking about how - as anchor institutions - organisations that are members of the board can also leverage their roles as employers, communicators, purchasers alongside their roles as service providers to increase impact.

- 4.3 The draft document that has emerged following the workshops is attached and there is now greater detail about each of the priorities and a clear direction for the Board on where the focus of activity needs to be.
- 4.4 The workshops have been coordinated by lead officers for each theme within the local authority and, in some cases, have an identified lead at HWB level. As well as providing a focal point for leadership of the priority, the HWB lead will be responsible for bringing together an annual update to the board on progress in that priority area, recognising that responsibility for delivery will be spread across a range of sectors and organisations. HWB are asked to identify appropriate leads for the remaining priorities. Options could include:
- Nominating a current board member
  - Co-opting additional members who already have a leadership role on that priority area within the city.
- 4.5 The conversations that have taken place have also highlighted a number of areas where themes cut across the whole strategy, and these are:
- community development
  - sustainability
  - equalities, diversity, inclusion.
- 4.6 It will be expected that activity on all priorities will take account of these cross-cutting areas. HWB may wish to consider exploring each in more depth at future meetings to develop a city-wide approach.
- 4.7 Healthwatch Portsmouth have also highlighted that the Chief Medical Officer recently released a report about health outcomes in coastal communities. Portsmouth was highlighted as one of England's six coastal cities (along with Plymouth, Southampton, Liverpool, Brighton and Hull) and identified as having additional challenges arising from geography, demographic and economic factors. The report puts forward two key recommendations:
- A national strategy to improve the health and wellbeing of coastal communities
  - Future detailed research into the health needs of coastal populations
- 4.8 This clearly resonates with the work that is being carried out locally, and it recommended that the HWB indicate support for these.

## **5. Next steps**

- 5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a statutory document and as such this draft is a basis for further consultation. An accessible designed version of the document will be placed on the Portsmouth City Council website following the HWB discussion.
- 5.2 At this point, we want to know whether:
- we have identified the right priorities and challenges?

- there are opportunities for the Health and Wellbeing Board to add value and bring about change?
- there are successful things already happening that we should be building on?
- we can measure if we are making a change for the better? How will we know?

5.3 A survey will be provided to accompany the document and to support consultees with making responses. This will be made available through the city council website and promoted through a range of channels, and Healthwatch Portsmouth have confirmed that they can support residents who wish to make their own submission but may need some help doing so.

5.4 The consultation will close on 21<sup>st</sup> January and a final strategy document will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022, at which point the Board will be asked to adopt the strategy and recommend it to the City Council and the CCG Governing Body.

## **6. Reasons for recommendations**

6.1 The current HWS was agreed in 2018 and covers the period 2018 to 2021. A refreshed HWS is therefore required to meet the statutory duty on the local authority and CCG to develop a HWS.

6.2 The proposals set out above:

- build on work already carried out by members of the HWB in 2020 to identify priorities for improvement locally
- reflect and support the City Vision agreed earlier in 2021
- position the role of the HWB in setting the medium-to-long term priorities to improve outcomes for residents and communities in Portsmouth that will be delivered through Health and Care Portsmouth.

## **7. Integrated impact assessment**

7.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment will be undertaken and presented alongside the final draft of the strategy, incorporating input from the wider consultation.

## **8. Legal implications**

8.1 Section 116A of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended) ("the 2007 Act") places a statutory duty upon local authorities and their partner CCGs to develop a joint health and wellbeing strategy (JHWS).

8.2 Section 116B of the 2007 Act requires local authorities and CCGs to have regard to relevant JSNAs and JHWSs when carrying out their functions.

- 8.3 The 2007 Act places a duty upon the HWB to have regard to the statutory guidance published by the Secretary of State when preparing JHWSs
- 8.4 That statutory guidance highlights that HWBs must give consideration to the Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010 throughout the JHWS process.

**9. Director of Finance's comments**

- 9.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations contained within this report.
- 9.2 Future schemes and initiatives will require financial appraisal on case by case basis in order to support decision making. Before any schemes or initiatives will be able to proceed, specific funding sources would need to be identified and in place.

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**Appendices:**

**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

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by ..... on .....

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