

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

**Date of meeting:** 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Subject:** Portsmouth as an age friendly city

**Report by:** Andy Biddle, Director of Adult Social Care, Portsmouth City Council

**Wards affected:** All

**Key decision:** No

**Full Council decision:** No

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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on how we are working towards being an age-friendly city.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB):
- i) Note the outcomes of the activity audit
  - ii) Support ongoing work as set out at paragraph 4.2 to establish gaps in provision and formulate recommendations to address these.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 On 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Council supported a Notice of Motion on Adult Social Care which committed the authority to a number of actions, including ***"to request that the Cabinet Member responsible for Adult Social Care, namely Health, Wellbeing and Social Care, be tasked with a mandate to send a strong signal of support to older people and those working in the care sector by initiating an update of the Portsmouth Ageing Population Strategy 2010-2021, and further the Council agrees to ask Cabinet to work towards Portsmouth being recognised as a Age-Friendly city."***
- 3.2 In September 2023, the Health and Wellbeing Board received a report that identified that partners in the city had recently completed a refresh of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy that cover a number of the domains of an age-friendly city, as identified by the World Health Organisation in their Age Friendly Communities Framework. In particular, it was recognised that the refreshed strategy document addresses the domains around housing, transport, respect and social inclusion, and also includes a focus on tackling poverty and the economic wellbeing of the population, through which we are exploring how we can support people, including



older people, with lower incomes, particularly as the cost of living crisis makes its impact felt.

- 3.5 The local authority works closely in partnership with local health organisations, including the Integrated Care Board (ICB), community health provider (NHS Solent), Portsmouth Hospitals University Trust and primary care colleagues to look at the services and responses that we are providing to support health and care in the population, including for our older residents.
- 3.6 On this basis, the HWB agreed that it was not necessarily helpful to design a separate strategy for the Ageing Population, which would represent duplication in many instances. However, it was agreed that there are clear opportunities to look at some issues around the Age Friendly City where the local city response could be developed further. It was agreed that it would be helpful to audit activity in the city to ensure an age-friendly approach is being taken and to identify areas for development and future collaboration.

#### **4. Outcome of audit activity**

- 4.1 Many partners responded to the call for information, which sought to collect examples of work that is underway beyond that which is statutorily required and examples are provided in Appendix A. The wider local authority response is provided in Appendix B. It is clear from this that identifying and supporting the needs of older people in the city is central to activity, as well as consideration of how people can be supported to think about healthy ageing at an earlier point in their lives.
- 4.2 We will be working with partners in the city, including Pompey Pensioners, to understand what gaps in provision remain from their perspective and where improvements could be made, to ensure that Portsmouth is age-friendly. Following this work, a further report will come to the HWB making some recommendations on further work.

#### **5. Reasons for recommendations**

- 5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the findings of the information gathering exercise, and agree that this is now subject to further discussion with representative groups.

#### **6. Integrated impact assessment**

- 6.1 No integrated impact assessment has been undertaken because the individual projects and key activities that might arise from an audit of activity will be subject to their own assessments.



**7. Legal implications**

7.1 There are no legal implications specifically associated with this report. Any projects undertaken will be subject to their own assessments.

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

8.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with approval of this report. Any projects that flow from this will be subject to their own individual financial assessments.

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Signed by: **Andy Biddle, Director of Adult Social Care, Portsmouth City Council**  
**Appendices:**

- Appendix A - Outcomes of audit activity
- Appendix B - Portsmouth City Council response

**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
27th September 2023 Health and Wellbeing Board agenda pack	<a href="#">Agenda for Health &amp; Wellbeing Board on Wednesday, 27th September, 2023, 10.00 am Portsmouth City Council</a>

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

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Signed by: