



Healthier Communities Select Committee

Health & Wellbeing Charter

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Key decision: No

Class: Part 1/ Part 2 (Delete as appropriate)

Ward(s) affected: all

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Outline and recommendations

The purpose of this paper is to provide members of the Committee with an update on the Lewisham Health and Wellbeing Charter

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

The committee agreed the approach to the key elements and development of the proposed Health and Wellbeing charter at its June 2022 and February 2023 meetings, and was updated on its development at its June 2023 meeting. A first draft was received in September 2023.

1. Summary

- 1.1. The committee received the previous draft of the Health and Wellbeing Charter in September. It has been developed further to include more detail on signposting to services and resources, and on what citizens can do to support services and for their own health and wellbeing. A draft of the Charter is attached for comment (Appendix 1).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Members of the Healthier Communities Select Committee are asked to comment on the draft of the Health and Wellbeing Charter.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. The contents of this report are consistent with the Council's policy framework. It supports the achievements of the Corporate Strategy objective:

- We will work with the local NHS to deliver the services Lewisham residents need

and create the Lewisham Health Care and Wellbeing Charter.

4. Background

- 4.1. The previous draft of the Health and Wellbeing Charter was reviewed by the committee in September. Follow-up discussions have been held with the chair of the committee and a subsequent draft has also been shared with Healthwatch Lewisham for their input and feedback.
- 4.2. The latest draft includes the expectations that citizens have for the planning and provision of health and care services, based on discussions with the LHCP People's Partnership. Incorporating feedback from the committee chair and Healthwatch Lewisham, it has also been developed to include further detail on signposting to services and resources, as well as opportunities that citizens can take to support those services and for their own health and wellbeing.
- 4.3. Suggested next steps, subject to the committee's approval of the content of the Charter, would be for additional consideration of the layout and presentation of the document, sharing with partners and for further public communication and engagement.

5. Financial implications

- 5.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1. There are no direct legal financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

7. Equalities implications

- 7.1. Reducing inequalities and health inequalities through improving inclusion and access to services are integral to the Charter.

8. Climate change and environmental implications

- 8.1. There are no direct climate change and environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

9. Crime and disorder implications

- 9.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

10. Health and wellbeing implications

- 10.1. The development work and improvement plans outlined in this report will contribute to improved access to health and care services

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