

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD			
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report presents the Health and Wellbeing Board with the current work programme (included as Appendix A) for discussion and approval.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are invited to:

- Review the current work programme and propose additional items to be included as appropriate.
- Note the role of the agenda planning steering group.

3. Strategic Context

- 3.1 The activity of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is focussed on delivering the strategic vision for Lewisham as established in *Shaping our Future* – Lewisham’s Sustainable Community Strategy and in Lewisham’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 3.2 The work of the Board directly contributes to *Shaping our Future’s* priority outcome that communities in Lewisham should be Healthy, active and enjoyable - where people can actively participate in maintaining and improving their health and wellbeing.
- 3.3 There are a number of core duties defined in the Health and Social Care Act 2012 which underpin the work of Health and Wellbeing Boards. These include:
- To encourage the integration of health and social care commissioning and provision;
 - To undertake a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to identify the health and wellbeing priorities of the local population;
 - To develop a joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy outlining how the board intends to achieve improvements to local health outcomes.

4. Background

- 4.1 The work programme is a key document for the Health and Wellbeing Board. It allows the Board to schedule activity, reports and presentations across the year. It also provides members of the public and wider stakeholders with a clear picture of the Board's planned activity.
- 4.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board Agenda Planning Group convenes prior to each meeting of the Board with organisational representation from across the Board's members. In addition to reviewing the work programme, the Agenda Planning Group also identify new issues or emerging topics that have arisen since the Board last met.
- 4.5 The HWB is also required to approve the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment priorities and consider the findings and recommendations from any completed JSNA topics. These findings will inform the Board's approach to achieving improvements in local health and wellbeing outcomes.

5. Work programme

- 5.1 The work programme (see Appendix A), includes those items which the Board has agreed to consider over the course of the year. Board members are also requested to consider additional items to be included in the work programme as appropriate.

6. Schedule of meetings

- 6.1 The Board is scheduled to meet three times per municipal year (April-Mar). In 2018-19 in addition to today's meeting the Board is scheduled to meet in November 2018 and March 2019.
- 6.2 The requirements upon the Board to make statutory decisions, reach agreement or to be formally consulted does not always align itself with the three scheduled meetings per year. Therefore, some last minute amendments to the work programme and the scheduling of Board meetings may be required.
- 6.3 Workshops are scheduled for the intervening months to enable the Board to informally examine issues in more depth or to provide development opportunities for the Board.

7. Financial implications

- 7.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

8. Legal implications

- 8.1 Members of the Board are reminded of their responsibilities to carry out statutory functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Activities of the Board include, but may not be limited to the following:
- To encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social services in the area to work in an integrated manner, for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of the area.
 - To provide such advice, assistance or other support as it thinks appropriate for the purpose of encouraging the making of arrangements under Section 75 NHS Act 2006 in connection with the provision of such services.
 - To encourage persons who arrange for the provision of health related services in its area to work closely with the Health and Wellbeing Board.
 - To prepare Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (as set out in Section 116 Local Government Public Involvement in Health Act 2007).
 - To give opinion to the Council on whether the Council is discharging its duty to have regard to any JSNA and any joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy prepared in the exercise of its functions.
 - To exercise any Council function which the Council delegates to the Health and Wellbeing Board, save that it may not exercise the Council's functions under Section 244 NHS Act 2006.
- 8.2 The Equality Act 2010 (the Act) introduced a new public sector equality duty (the equality duty or the duty). It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
- 8.3 In summary, the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
 - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 8.4 The duty continues to be a "have regard duty", and the weight to be attached to it is a matter for the Mayor, bearing in mind the issues of relevance and proportionality. It is not an absolute requirement to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or foster good relations.
- 8.5 The Equality and Human Rights Commission has recently issued Technical Guidance on the Public Sector Equality Duty and statutory guidance entitled "Equality Act 2010 Services, Public Functions & Associations Statutory Code of Practice". The Council must have regard to the statutory code in so far as it relates to the duty and attention is drawn to Chapter 11 which deals particularly with the equality duty. The Technical Guidance also covers what

public authorities should do to meet the duty. This includes steps that are legally required, as well as recommended actions. The guidance does not have statutory force but nonetheless regard should be had to it, as failure to do so without compelling reason would be of evidential value. The statutory code and the technical guidance can be found at:

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/equalityact/equality-act-codes-of-practice-and-technical-guidance/>

8.6 The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has previously issued five guides for public authorities in England giving advice on the equality duty:

1. The essential guide to the public sector equality duty
2. Meeting the equality duty in policy and decision-making
3. Engagement and the equality duty
4. Equality objectives and the equality duty
5. Equality information and the equality duty

8.7 The essential guide provides an overview of the equality duty requirements including the general equality duty, the specific duties and who they apply to. It covers what public authorities should do to meet the duty, including steps that are legally required, as well as recommended actions. The other four documents provide more detailed guidance on key areas and advice on good practice. Further information and resources are available at:

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/publicsector-equality-duty/guidance-on-the-equality-duty/>

9. Equalities implications

9.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

10. Crime and disorder implications

10.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

11. Environmental implications

11.1 There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

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