

HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE			
Report Title	Response from the Health and Wellbeing Board to matters referred by the Select Committee – Health and Wellbeing Strategy		
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out the response from the Health and Wellbeing Board to the select committee's referral on the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Healthier Communities Select Committee receives the response of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

3. Policy context

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 establishes a duty on local authorities to convene Health and Wellbeing Boards for their areas.
- 3.1 The activity of the Health and Wellbeing Board is focused 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.*

4. Background

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board considered the attached report entitled 'Comments of the Healthier Communities Select Committee on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy' at its meeting on 30 May 2013.
- 4.2 As detailed in the report, the Committee recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board specifically address the issue of engagement with service users, either through:
- (i) appointment to the Health and Wellbeing Board; or
 - (ii) a second tier of user groups feeding directly to the Health and Wellbeing Board

5. Health and Wellbeing Board response

- 5.1 At its meeting on 30 May 2013, the Health and Wellbeing Board considered its membership as well as the supporting groups that would allow it to take forward its area of activity.
- 5.2 In line with the Council's proposal that the Health and Wellbeing Board ought to have two representatives from the voluntary and community sector, the Board has proposed that Council appoint Tony Nickson, Director of Voluntary Action Lewisham. It has also asked Voluntary Action Lewisham to develop a process for identifying another representative for the sector.
- 5.3 The proximity of voluntary and community organisations to service users as well as their experience in involving and engaging citizens and service users means that these representatives will strengthen the capability and expertise of the Board.
- 5.4 In addition, the Health and Wellbeing Board has agreed that one of its supporting groups will be a Joint Public Engagement Group.
- 5.5 The Lewisham Public Engagement Group will bring together key stakeholders from across Lewisham's public, voluntary and community sectors to ensure that communities and individuals across Lewisham are able to influence the design and delivery of health and social care services.
- 5.6 The Group will identify activities and interventions that support individuals and community groups to be involved in managing their health and wellbeing, their health and care services, to exercise choice and to achieve positive outcomes.
- 5.7 This Group will help to ensure that service user feedback directly influences the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the delivery of its priority objectives.

6. Financial implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

7. Legal implications

- 7.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

8. Equalities implications

- 8.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report or its recommendations. The importance of ensuring that the Health and

Wellbeing Board and its supporting groups recognise equalities will be made clear within their terms of reference. In addition, the Joint Public Engagement Group will have a specific role to play in ensuring that the activity of the Health and Wellbeing Board takes into account the views of those communities and groups that are harder to reach.

9. Crime and disorder implications

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

10. Environmental implications

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

Background documents

None

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