

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD			
Report Title	Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme		
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report presents the Health and Wellbeing Board with a draft work programme (included as Appendix 1) for discussion and approval.

2. Recommendations

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

- note the current draft of the work programme and consider whether amends or additions are necessary
- approve the work programme.

3. Policy context

- 3.1 The activity of the Health and Wellbeing Board 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.

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 In adding items to the work programme, the Board should specify the information and analysis required in the report, so that report authors are clear as to what is required. The Health and Wellbeing Board Agenda Planning Group may also propose items for inclusion on the work programme, and will seek approval for their inclusion from the Board.
- 4.5 Upon agreement of the work programme, the Health and Wellbeing Agenda Planning group will commission the necessary reports and activities.

5. Work programme

- 5.1 The draft work programme (see Appendix 1), includes some of the key items which the Board will need to consider over the course of 2014/15. This includes the Board's statutory functions in regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 5.2 At the HWB meeting on the 28 January, members agreed to focus on high-level issues, undertaking more detailed reviews as and when necessary. The Agenda Planning Group has requested that reports clearly identify the strategic context and will endeavour to group strategic items on the agenda.
- 5.3 At the January HWB meeting the lack of a mechanism for the Adult Joint Strategic Commissioning Group and the Joint Public Engagement Group to report to the Board was highlighted. It was suggested that these groups consider how frequently they would like to report to the Board at their next meetings in April and May respectively.
- 5.3 Tony Nickson suggested that the agenda could be widened to include voluntary sector activity. A representative from Voluntary Action Lewisham has now joined the Agenda Planning Group to facilitate greater engagement of the voluntary sector. A report on the voluntary and community sector (VCS) engagement in the Adult Integrated Care Programme is included on the March 2014 agenda and a report outlining the VCS response to poverty has also been provisionally scheduled for the next Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.
- 5.3 The work programme now includes a standing item on progress in relation to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Public Health service has scheduled updates on each of the priorities to take place over the next 12 months.
- 5.4 The report on Food Poverty has been rescheduled for the next Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.
- 5.5 The Housing Strategy and Public Health report has been rescheduled for the next Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.

6. Financial implications

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

7. Legal implications

7.1 The Board's statutory functions are broadly set out in paragraph 4.2.

7.2 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.

7.3 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.

7.4 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.

7.5 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/>

7.6 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
- 7.7 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/>
- 7.8 Members of the Board are reminded that under Section 195 Health and Social Care Act 2012, health and wellbeing boards are under a duty to encourage integrated working between the persons who arrange for health and social care services in the area.
- 8. Equalities implications**
- 8.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report or its recommendations.
- 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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