

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	<b>Cabinet</b>	
MEETING DATE:	<b>10<sup>th</sup> July 2013</b>	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		<b>E 2573</b>
TITLE:	<b>Bath and North East Somerset Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy</b>	
WARD:	All	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b>		
Bath and North East Somerset Draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy		

### 1 THE ISSUE

1.1 As set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Bath and North East Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board is responsible for developing a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy which will deliver the Board's aim to:

- Reduce health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing in Bath and North East Somerset

1.2 The Strategy offers the Health and Wellbeing Board the opportunity to create shared leadership across the health and social care systems to deliver better health and wellbeing outcomes locally.

1.3 This report presents a summary of consultation responses to the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, seeks Cabinet approval of the final strategy and sets out the next steps.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet agrees:

2.1 To approve the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

2.2 To note that a final Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be submitted to Council on 14 November- for approval.

### 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the publication of the Bath and North East Somerset Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. However, the priorities of the Strategy should form a key consideration in the commissioning and allocation of health, social care and wellbeing resources.

## 4 CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

- *Promoting independence and positive lives for everyone*
- *Creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live*
- *Building a stronger economy*

## 5 THE REPORT

5.1 The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out the Health and Wellbeing Board's strategic intentions for improving health and reducing health inequalities in Bath and North East Somerset.

5.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board will deliver these priorities through strong local leadership across the NHS, public health and social care systems and by jointly planning and delivering services.

5.3 Over time more detailed delivery plans will be adopted, setting out Board action on priorities such as helping children to be a healthy weight or creating dementia friendly communities.

### **Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities**

5.4 The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out three important themes and priorities. These are:

- Theme 1 – Helping people to stay healthy
  - Helping children to be a healthy weight
  - Improved support for families with complex needs
  - Reduced rates of alcohol misuse
  - Create healthy and sustainable places
- Theme 2 - Improving the quality of people's lives
  - Improved support for people with long term conditions
  - Reduced rates of mental ill-health
  - Enhanced quality of life for people with dementia
  - Improved services for older people which support and encourage independent living and dying well
- Theme 3 – Creating fairer life chances
  - Improve skills, education and employment
  - Reduce the health and wellbeing consequences of domestic abuse
  - Increase the resilience of people and communities including action on loneliness

### **Consultation on the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

5.5 A formal consultation period on the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy was launched on 30 April and ran until 7 June 2013.

5.6 Consultation responses were received from a range of stakeholders including the Health and Wellbeing Board, health and social care providers, VCSE organisations, members of the public and service users. Many of the responses were positive and welcomed the development of a Joint Health and Wellbeing

Strategy to reduce health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing in B&NES.

5.7 Some of the issues from the consultation include:

- Need to strengthen what is meant by health inequality locally
- Need to strengthen the link with sport and leisure
- More clarity on how the themes and priorities will be delivered
- Need to better articulate the journey – why these priorities and how are they going to shape commissioning
- Need a greater focus on mental illness and wellbeing amongst young people
- It's not in an accessible or easy read format

5.8 Cllr Simon Allen presented the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy to the Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel on 17 May. The minutes from the Scrutiny meeting state:

*The Panel welcomed the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and felt that, around the rest of the key areas in the Strategy, the action on reducing social isolation and loneliness is a particularly important issue to be addressed through the Strategy.*

*Some Panel Members suggested that the Council could look at the Bristol Light Box Happiness Project (provides supportive environment for socially isolated people) as one of ways to tackle loneliness. Councillor Allen welcomed the suggestion.*

5.9 Consultation responses have informed and shaped the development of the final Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

5.10 The next steps for the approval of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy are:

- 10 July Cabinet (a designed final version)
- 25 July Clinical Commissioning Group
- 14 November Council

5.11 A copy of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is included as Appendix One.

## **6 RISK MANAGEMENT**

6.1 The report author and Lead Cabinet member have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

## **7 EQUALITIES**

*[Decision makers must show they have given proper consideration to the Public Sector Equality Duty Report so authors are advised to include one of the following statements in their reports:*

*a) An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been completed. Adverse impacts were identified and have been justified/mitigated in the following ways ...*

*b) An EqIA has been completed. No adverse or other significant issues were found.*

*c) An EqIA has not been completed for the following reasons...(please state reasons)]*

## **8 RATIONALE**

8.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board was formally appointed by Bath and North East Somerset Council on 16 May 2013. As set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to produce a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, based on needs identified within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

## **9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

9.1 None

## **10 CONSULTATION**

10.1 A formal consultation period on the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy was launched on 30 April 2013 and ran until 7 June 2013. Anyone with an interest in local health and wellbeing issues was encouraged to respond and responses were received from providers, VCSE groups, members of the public, key stakeholders and partners, service users and residents.

10.2 Health and Wellbeing Board meetings are held in public and are publicised online. The Board also holds regular engagement sessions prior to its formal Board meetings in order to feed in the views and comments from key stakeholders and service users.

## **11 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION**

11.1 **Delete from this list:** *Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Young People; Human Rights; Corporate; Health & Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations*

## **12 ADVICE SOUGHT**

12.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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