

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Health and Wellbeing Board
MEETING DATE:	14 March 2023
TITLE:	Bath and North East Somerset Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy: Our Vision for 2030 – For Sign Off
WARD:	All
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES) Joint Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory duty to develop a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the local population. The Health and Wellbeing Strategy Team began work to create a new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy in June 2022. The Strategic Evidence Base (SEB) for Bath and North East Somerset, published in June 2022 and updated in February 2023, was the primary source of evidence used to decide health and wellbeing priorities for the new strategy.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Board is asked to;

- 2.1 Sign off on the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2030.
- 2.2 Health and Wellbeing Board Members become champions of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its priorities.

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Strategy Team began the process of developing a new Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Bath and North East Somerset in June 2022.

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Strategy Steering Group (drawn from Health and Wellbeing Board members and other stakeholders) was created to guide the process of developing the new strategy.
- 3.2 To gather public feedback as we developed the new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the Health and Wellbeing Board launched a public consultation on the 29th of September 2022.
- 3.3 The consultation survey was launched on the Bath and North East Somerset Council 'Have Your Say' consultation hub. As well as being promoted through the Health and Wellbeing Board webpage, stakeholders were informed about the survey via area forums, mailing lists, press releases, social media posts, a community radio campaign message and partner bulletins.
- 3.4 The survey was live on the Council website from Tuesday 29th September to Monday 31st October 2022. Through the efforts of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Team, Engagement teams within the Council, the Steering Group and partners of the Health and Wellbeing Board, 515 responses were received to the online survey. We also engaged with Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Groups so that they could feed into the priority setting for the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 3.5 Following public consultation and extensive engagement in other forms, priorities for the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy were identified.
- 3.6 The Health and Wellbeing Strategy Team met with the steering group and discussed the alignment of the priorities with the evidence and public consultation findings. A decided action from that meeting was the need to ensure that identified priorities are the right ones through further meetings and engagement with related partnerships and partners in the form of sense checking.
- 3.7 The sense check meetings served to ensure that Health and Wellbeing Board partners and others were aware of the identified priorities and could help to tailor priorities to be in line with their departmental and organisational goals. In these meetings, we discussed current and future plans and considered what would be achievable during the life span of the strategy.
- 3.8 During the priority identification and sense checking processes, the SEB was referenced to ensure an evidence-based approach was consistently being utilised as we reframed the priorities based on the feedback.
- 3.9 The Health and Wellbeing Strategy team began writing the new joint Health and wellbeing strategy in December 2022.
- 3.10 Attention has been given to ensure that the strategy aligns with other strategic plans also in development, including the B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Strategy, and the Council's Economic Strategy.
- 3.11 The Health and Wellbeing Board signed off the priorities for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy on January 24th, 2023.
- 3.12 The first draft of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy was completed in January 2023 and sent to Steering Group members and other partners of the Health and Wellbeing Board for review and feedback.

3.13 The Health and Wellbeing Strategy contains 4 priorities and 16 objectives that sit under these priorities. The priorities include:

1. Ensure that children and young people are healthy and ready for learning and education
2. Improve skills, good work and employment
3. Strengthen compassionate and healthy communities
4. Create health promoting places

The strategy also contains Our Ways of Working. These include:

1. Tackle inequalities
2. Adapt and build resilience to climate change
3. Share responsibility and engage for change
4. Deliver for all life stages

3.14 The draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy was presented at a Council's Corporate Management Team meeting and the B&NES Integrated Care Alliance meeting, both held in February 2023.

3.15 An implementation plan along with a set of high-level indicators to track progress are being drafted to sit under the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. This will further map out actions to be taken under the four priorities to improve health and reduce inequalities.

3.16 Next Steps

- (1) Develop the Implementation Plan for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy in collaboration with delivery partners and develop strategy progress indicators in partnership with the Council's Business Intelligence Team.
- (2) The Implementation Plan will be brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board in June 2023.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The statutory considerations are set out in section 1 of this report.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 The report contains 4 priorities and 16 objectives for the new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. No specific resource implications are identified in this report.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 Priorities for the new strategy have been decided with an aim of reducing inequalities in B&NES, particularly to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for low-income households, vulnerable groups, and people with specific accessibility needs. An Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA) was carried out for the engagement process and updated now that this process is complete.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 One of the cross-cutting themes of the strategy is 'Adapt and build resilience to climate change', acknowledging that climate change is having a direct impact on the health and wellbeing of residents in B&NES due to rises in temperatures during summer months and extreme cold weather during the winter periods. Additionally, the identified priority - 'Creating health promoting places', aims to have a positive impact on the current climate position by encouraging the development of and access to green spaces in local neighbourhoods.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None. The creation of a new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a statutory duty of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Board.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 The public consultation period ran from September 29th to October 31st, 2022.

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Background papers	Bath and North East Somerset Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy: Our Vision for 2030
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