

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Health and Wellbeing Board
MEETING DATE:	20 June 2023
TITLE:	Approval of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES) Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) approved its new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2030 in March 2023. Since that time the Strategy's Implementation Plan has been produced in collaboration with partners. This work has been overseen by a HWB task and finish group called the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Steering Group.
- 1.2 Further work to develop a process by which implementation of the Plan and its impact will be monitored, understood and reported back to the Board for discussion and assurance is in development. A proposal for this process will be brought to the HWB in September for agreement.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Board is asked to;

- 2.1 Note the partnership engagement undertaken in the creation of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan.
- 2.2 Approve the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan.

3 THE REPORT

3.1 The B&NES Health and Wellbeing Strategy has a vision to improve health and reduce inequalities: *“Together we will address inequalities in Bath and North East Somerset so people have the best start in life, live well and age well in caring, compassionate communities, and in places that make it easier to live physically and emotionally healthy lives”*

3.2 The Strategy contains four key priorities:

- Ensure children and young people are healthy and ready for education
- Improve skills, good work and employment
- Strengthen compassionate and healthy communities
- Create health promoting places

3.3 Since the writing of the strategy and its approval by the HWB in March 2023, a strategy Implementation Plan has been written that sets out actions to be owned and delivered by partnerships and teams against the four priorities above.

3.4 The Health and Wellbeing Strategy Steering Group has overseen and advised on the format, content and process for creating the Implementation Plan throughout its development.

3.5 The Implementation Plan has been developed through extensive and iterative collaboration with individuals, teams and partnerships involving colleagues from the NHS, local VCSE groups and the Council, linking with existing strategies and working with current capacity. Engagement on actions in the plan has taken place with: the Children and Young People’s Subgroup to the HWB; teams in the local authority’s directorates for Public Health and Prevention and Sustainable Communities; HCRG providers group; 3SG; the Community Wellbeing Hub; the Integrated Care Alliance (ICA); and the ICA’s Alliance Delivery Operational Group.

3.6 All actions in the Implementation Plan are now owned by a key partnership, team, or subgroup of the Health and Wellbeing Board. These owners have taken responsibility for ensuring that work is delivered on the agreed actions, reporting on progress to the Health and Wellbeing Board, and bringing related issues to the Board for further intelligence sharing, discussion, and development as appropriate.

3.7 Extensive effort has been made to ensure alignment between various strategies and implementation plans currently being developed or refreshed that impact on the health and wellbeing of the B&NES population. Three examples exemplify this:

- The B&NES Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) Integrated Care Strategy and its draft implementation plan have considered and incorporated priorities and themes from the B&NES Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- The B&NES Health and Wellbeing Strategy’s Implementation Plan contains a number of actions that are the responsibility of the B&NES ICA to oversee delivery of. These actions are taken from the larger set of actions contained within the B&NES section of the BSW implementation plan, to be led by the ICA. They have been identified as actions that align particularly well with the

role of the Health and Wellbeing Board and with its terms of reference, so their inclusion in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy's Implementation Plan will mean that progress on them will be shared and discussed at the Health and Wellbeing Board.

- Similarly, the B&NES Health and Wellbeing Strategy's Implementation Plan contains employment-related actions that will sit within the Economic Strategy once that is finalised, which will be led by the council's Sustainable Communities directorate. The actions have been included in the HWB Implementation Plan due to their impact on people's health, wellbeing and inequalities.

3.8 The Implementation Plan sets out milestones and timeframes to monitor progress on delivery.

3.9 An indicator set is being developed which will help the Board understand changes to population health, wellbeing and inequalities. The indicator set will also include longer term and overarching indicators including healthy life expectancy which are outside the scope of this Implementation Plan on its own to influence. However, retaining an overview of trends in the health of the population will help the Health and Wellbeing Board frame discussions to focus its work on addressing inequality and improving health and wellbeing for all.

3.10 A process by which implementation of the Strategy and its impact will be monitored, understood and reported back to the Board for discussion and assurance is in development and will be overseen by the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Steering Group. A proposal for this process will be brought to the HWB in September for agreement.

3.11 The Implementation Plan will be reviewed and refreshed annually.

3.12 Next Steps

- Finalise the Health and Wellbeing Strategy indicator set. This process is part of a larger piece of work to ensure that indicators for the HWB Strategy are aligned with those for the Council's Corporate Strategy and the Economic Strategy in particular. Work is also ongoing to ensure alignment with the development of indicators for the BSW Integrated Care Strategy.
- Develop a process by which implementation of the Strategy and its impact will be monitored, understood and reported back to the HWB.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Production of a Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a statutory requirement of the Health and Wellbeing Board. There is no statutory requirement to produce an Implementation Plan to the strategy.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 The report covers the creation of an Implementation Plan to the new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Any resource implications would be addressed by the partnerships that own the actions in the Plan.

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 in the overarching Strategy have been drafted with an aim of reducing inequalities in B&NES, particularly to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for low-income households, people in rural communities, underrepresented groups, and people with specific accessibility needs. An Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA) was carried out for the engagement process and was updated when the priorities were agreed upon.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 The identified priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, specifically access to nature and leisure facilities, aim to have a positive impact on the current climate position.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 Not creating an Implementation Plan to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. However, a view was taken that having an Implementation Plan will be valuable as it will give partnerships and organisations stronger ownership of the Strategy and give the Health and Wellbeing Board greater insight into how the Strategy is being implemented across partnerships and within communities.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 The public consultation period for the joint Strategy ran from September 29th to October 31st, 2022 and this informed the formation of the Strategy's priorities. This Implementation Plan follows from that consultation by setting out some of the practical actions that will be undertaken to deliver on the priorities identified in the strategy.

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Background papers	B&NES Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan
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