

# Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Health and Wellbeing Board
MEETING DATE:	7 November 2024
TITLE:	Proposal for a refresh of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan
WARD:	All
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appendix One – Timeline for the B&amp;NES Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan 2024/25 Refresh</li></ul>	

## 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This paper sets out a proposed process and timeline for a light touch review and refresh of the B&NES Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy implementation plan.

## 2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider taking forward the proposed approach for refreshing the implementation plan with a view to agreeing and signing off on the new plan at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting February 6th, 2025.

## 3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2030 (JHWS) is a seven-year strategy which sets out a vision to put in place the best conditions for people of all ages to live healthy and fulfilling lives. Extensive engagement and consultation was undertaken to develop the JHWS including public engagement.
- 3.2 The JHWS was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) in March and published in April 2023. The JHWS Implementation Plan was agreed and signed off by the Health Wellbeing Board (HWB) in June 2023.
- 3.3 A process for monitoring implementation and impact of the Strategy was agreed by the HWB in September 2023. Reporting leads have been identified to coordinate progress reports against each of the four priority areas as part of this process. In addition, each priority theme also has a sponsor who is a member of the HWB and accountable to the HWB for ensuring that mitigating actions are being taken where progress is not on track through liaison with the reporting lead.

3.4 The JHWS Implementation Plan was scheduled to be reviewed and updated in 2024. The JHWS is led by the HWB and is closely aligned with other strategies and plans across B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) and within B&NES which help to deliver on and support the strategy. It is timely to review the implementation plan to ensure implementation is aligned with current and updated strategies and plans such as the recently published B&NES Economic Strategy.

### **Guiding principles for the Review and Refresh**

3.5 The four priority theme areas of the JHWS and strategy objectives within them remain current and do not require a substantive change. Furthermore, there is limited council officer capacity available to support a comprehensive review and re-write of the implementation plan which is not deemed necessary. The proposal is to undertake a 'light touch' approach to the review and refresh of the current plan in accordance with the following principles:

- Maintain the overall structure of the current implementation plan as far as possible in terms of the four priority areas and associated strategy objectives
- Avoid increasing level of detail or length of the plan through adhering to a 'one in/one out' principle if adding new actions
- Ensure ongoing alignment with System and Place strategies and plans
- Sense check relevance and appropriateness of strategy actions considering if there a need for actions to be updated, reworded or reframed in light of recent developments and shifting priorities
- Provide appropriate challenge and ambition whilst keeping significant changes to a minimum and ensuring that all actions within the plan remain in line with existing resources
- To maximise opportunities to sharpen and smarten existing priority actions

### **Key Actions and Timescales**

3.6 It is proposed that the review and refresh process will be completed by the end of January 2025 in order to be considered at the February 6th HWB meeting. See Appendix One for a timeline with associated actions for the HWB to consider and to note the need to identify a HWB member to act as Project Sponsor.

## **4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS**

4.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards were required to be established in all local authorities under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 as a key mechanism for driving joined up working at a local level.

4.2 As a statutory function the Board must prepare and publish a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS), setting the vision, strategic direction and high-level priorities for system partners to work together on.

## **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

- 5.1 The direct resource implications of this work have been through the time and capacity involved from the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy steering group members, from Council, NHS and Third Sector.

## **6 RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 It is noted that the timeline (See Appendix One) is quite tight, and that the Christmas holiday falls within the project period which may present issues for those involved in undertaking the review and refresh. To mitigate for this risk to completion of the refresh for consideration at the February HWB meeting a two-stage opportunity for Reporting Leads and Sponsors to input to the process has been built into the timeline. In addition, those who have been identified to contribute to the process have been notified that they may be asked to allocate some time to the review task over the next couple of months and that the detail will be confirmed following the November HWB meeting.
- 6.2 If partners, notably the Reporting Leads and Sponsors register significant concerns regarding completion of the review within the timescales outlined this will be identified quickly and a request will be made to extend the timeline with a view to completion of the review and refresh in time for the May 2025 HWB meeting as an alternative.

## **7 EQUALITIES**

- 7.1 A cross cutting theme of the JHWS is to tackle inequalities in B&NES. Through monitoring progress against this ambition, the strategy seeks to promote equity of opportunity, of service provision and to reduce inequalities in experiences and outcomes.

## **8 CLIMATE CHANGE**

One of the four cross cutting themes of the JHWS is to adapt and build resilience to climate change. A number of objectives in the strategy contribute directly to preventing climate change and mitigating its impacts, in particular:

- (1) work through the Local Plan to shape, promote, and deliver healthy and sustainable places
- (2) work to improve take up of low carbon affordable warmth support for private housing and encourage B&NES social housing providers to provide low carbon, affordable warmth for existing social housing.
- (3) using opportunities in legislation to facilitate a targeted private rented sector inspection programme to ensure the minimum statutory housing and energy efficiency standards are met.

## **9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 9.1 None.

## **10 CONSULTATION**

10.1 This report has been considered and cleared for sign off by the S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer. Public engagement on the initial issues and priorities for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy was undertaken during 2022.

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<b>Background papers</b>	<a href="#"><u>B&amp;NES Health and Wellbeing Strategy.pdf</u></a> <a href="#"><u>B&amp;NES Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan</u></a>
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