

<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>	
MEETING	<b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
MEETING DATE:	<b>6 November 2025</b>
TITLE:	<b>B&amp;NES Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan Refresh</b>
WARD:	All
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> B&NES Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan	

## **1 THE ISSUE**

- 1.1 The Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES) Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) approved its Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) 2023-2030 in March 2023 and the first iteration of the Strategy's Implementation Plan in June 2023. A process for monitoring the Implementation Plan was subsequently agreed by the HWB in September 2023. The monitoring process relies on a network of reporting leads and sponsors for each of the four priority theme areas of the JHWS.
- 1.2 The Implementation Plan was due for review and update in 2024/25. The process for undertaking a light touch review and refresh was approved by the HWB in November 2024 and reporting leads and sponsors have contributed revised actions, milestones and timeframes for their priority theme areas.
- 1.3 In February 2025 The Local Government Association (LGA) undertook a review of the HWB which resulted in recommendations for consideration by the Board. This included a recommendation to categorise actions within the JHWS Implementation Plan according to a 'drive, 'sponsor', 'observe' framework as follows:

Drive: These areas will be the focus of the delivery and monitoring of our Strategy. We will drive and strengthen our activities in these areas to reduce inequalities in health. Local data and our stakeholders, including local communities, have told us these areas are important.

Sponsor: Work is already taking place in these areas; there are existing strategies or action plans. The named lead organisation will monitor progress and highlight when the Health and Wellbeing Board needs to consider aspects of this work in detail.

Observe: Although much of these areas are important to population health, the decision-making sits outside of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Board's role is to observe and influence.

Should the Board wish to take up this recommendation, this would need to be planned as a separate piece of work with the HWB.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to;

- 2.1 Note the engagement undertaken with priority theme sponsors and reporting leads in the review and refresh process
- 2.2 Approve the refreshed Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan and agree a timeframe for a future review
- 2.3 Consider and agree action, milestone and timeline under priority 2, objective 2.4 in the implementation plan for *'HWB Board partners commit to support individuals from vulnerable groups with apprenticeships, jobs and work placements'*
- 2.4 Consider the LGA recommendation to apply the Drive Sponsor Observe framework to categorise and prioritise actions in the Implementation Plan

## **3 THE REPORT**

- 3.1 See attached B&NES Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan
- 3.2 The Implementation Plan sets out milestones and timeframes to monitor progress on delivery. As with the previous iteration of the Implementation Plan all actions are owned by key partnership, team or subgroup of the HWB.
- 3.3 The review and refresh process has highlighted the progress made on original actions and many of the achievements that have been made. The process for monitoring implementation of the strategy has also highlighted this progress and the exception reporting log provides further evidence of this.

## **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 refreshed Implementation Plan for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Any resource implications will be addressed by the partnerships that own the actions in the Plan.

## **6 RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 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 JHWS have been drafted with an aim of reducing inequalities in B&NES which is one of the underpinning principles of the strategy. An Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA) was carried out for the engagement process when developing the JHWS and was updated when the priorities were agreed upon.

## 8 CLIMATE CHANGE

One of the four cross cutting themes underpinning 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 impact including:

- work through the Local Plan to shape, promote, and deliver healthy and sustainable places
- 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.
- 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 Given the extensive public consultation was undertake previously as part of JHWS development the Board agreed that further consultation was not required for this refresh.

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<b>Background papers</b>	B&NES Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan  Proposal for a refresh of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan  <a href="#">B&amp;NES Health and Wellbeing Strategy.pdf</a>  <a href="#">B&amp;NES Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan</a>
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