

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Children, Adults, Health & Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	14 March 2023	
TITLE:	Health and Wellbeing Strategy: Panel Feedback Report	
WARD:	All	
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 All CAHW Panel members were invited to a briefing on the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy on Mon 27 February 2023. Members were provided with an overview of the strategy and then given the opportunity to provide comments before its consideration by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 14 March 2023.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to;

- 2.1 Thank the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, and Communities and the Director of Public Health for the briefing**
- 2.2 Note the summary of the briefing.**

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards are formal committees of local authorities with responsibility to promote greater integration and partnership between bodies from the NHS, public health and local government.
- 3.2 The Health and Wellbeing Strategy will run for seven years with the aim to improve residents' health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities.

3.3 The draft strategy had been through an intensive engagement and public consultation process. Following which four priorities emerged:

Priority 1: Ensure that children and young people are healthy and ready for learning and education

Priority 2: Improve skills, good work and employment

Priority 3: Strengthen compassionate and healthy communities

Priority 4: Create health promoting places

3.4 During the subsequent discussion some of the following points emerged:

- i) Our wage levels across B&NES are lower than regional neighbours
- ii) The district is below the national average for smoking levels
- iii) 1 in 2 adults are overweight or obese
- iv) The strategy would benefit from more information related to the linkage between health & housing and could include data on rental and social housing numbers, for example.
- v) Members welcomed the development of the action plan which would underpin the strategy and could be potentially scrutinised at a future panel meeting.
- vi) How the strategy complemented the RUH's Transformation programme & the role of neighbourhood teams in ensuring how services will be delivered in the community. Particularly following feedback that some members of the public currently felt isolated when in receipt of virtual community-based care.
- vii) The importance of considering pre-school children, which was confirmed would be covered within Priority 1.
- viii) The team was working with business intelligence to identify KPI's which enable comparison on a regional and national level
- ix) The potential of encouraging schools to promote gardening skills
- x) The importance of public transport when ensuring access to health services.
- xi) The strategy was aligned to the development of the new Integrated Care Strategy being produced by BSW's Integrated Care Partnership.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board has statutory responsibility to develop and maintain a Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 N/A

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 N/A

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 The findings in developing the strategy found that people who live in areas of greater deprivation tend to experience poor outcomes across the lifespan. Residents of B&NES in areas of deprivation were more likely to:

- Have lower educational attainment
- Have a temporary job and lower wages
- Live in poor housing conditions
- Experience challenges with their mental health
- Have a long term illness
- Unable to afford a nutritious diet
- Smoke tobacco
- Die prematurely

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 The strategy recognises that climate change is a public health emergency and consideration is given to its impact on residents, particularly the most vulnerable within the district.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 N/A

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 The strategy has been subject to a full public consultation – Tues 29 Sept to Monday 31 October 2022.

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Background papers	<i>The Health and Wellbeing Strategy is available here.</i>
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