

21 September 2021		ITEM: 7
Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
Health and Wellbeing Strategy Refresh		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non-Key	
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Executive Summary

This paper provides an update on progress in refreshing the Health & Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS) for 2021-26. The attached slide set (Appendix A) sets out the scope, arrangements and timeline for the refresh. Appendix B includes the Communication and Engagement Plan.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 The Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee is invited to comment on the project scope outlined in the attached slide set (Appendix A) and the arrangements for completing the strategy refresh:

- **The overarching Vision for the refresh should be “Levelling the Playing Field”, with each chapter identifying ambitious actions required to do that.**
- **The actions to Level the Playing Field will be arranged around 6 key influences on health and wellbeing, including wider determinants of health, around which the strategy will be structured:**
 - 1. Quality Care Centred Around the Person**
 - 2. Staying Healthier for Longer**
 - 3. Building Strong & Cohesive Communities**
 - 4. Opportunity for All**
 - 5. Housing & the Environment**
 - 6. Community Safety**

- **Review and sign-off of the draft strategy document will be at the HWB Board meeting in March 2022, and thereafter by Full Council.**
- **Operational oversight of the refresh process will be via: HWB Strategy / TICP Strategy Group, AD Oversight Group, and HWBS Engagement Group.**
- **The Strategy will be launched in July 2022.**

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 The HWBS is a whole system plan for health & wellbeing and a means to engage all partners in the wellbeing agenda, co-ordinating strategic thinking of all elements of the council and all system partners to deliver quantifiable gains in health and wellbeing of residents.
- 2.2 Thurrock agreed its first HWBS in 2013. The second and current HWBS was launched in July 2016 and can be accessed here:
<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/strategies/health-and-well-being-strategy>

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1 Preparatory work with system partners and HWBB Chair to date has identified the 6 key influences and suggested that the HWBS needs to:
- Be high level and strategic
 - Be highly ambitious and set out genuinely new plans rather than just describe what has already been done
 - Provide a clear narrative that drives the work of all aspects of the local authority, NHS and third sector
 - Address resident priorities and be co-designed with residents
 - Be place and locality based and take a strengths and assets approach, not focused only on deficits or services
- 3.2 The attached slide set (Appendix A) sets out the scope, arrangements and timeline for the refresh of the HWBS 2021-2026. The pressures of Covid-19 have impacted on the timeline for the strategy refresh. It is intended that the strategy will be finalised in January 2022.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 The Health & Wellbeing Board (HWBB) has a collective statutory duty to produce a HWBS. It is one of two highest level strategic documents for the Local Authority and system partners, the other being the Local Plan. The statutory status of the document means that the new Integrated Care System (ICS) must have regard to it when planning their own strategy.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 A plan for engagement on the HWBS is below in Appendix B.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 The HWBS is one of two highest level strategic documents for the Local Authority and system partners, the other being the Local Plan. It is a whole system plan for health & wellbeing and a means to engage all partners in the wellbeing agenda, co-ordinating strategic thinking of all elements of the council and all system partners to deliver quantifiable gains in health and wellbeing of residents.
- 6.2 In order to support delivery of the Council's Vision, the 6 Domains of the HWBS Strategy each relate to one of the Council's key priorities of People, Place and Prosperity, as outlined in the attached slide set.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Jonathan Wilson**
Assistant Director for Finance

The cost associated with the strategy refresh will be delivered within existing budgets or agreed through existing Council and partner agencies governance finance arrangements.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Lindsey Marks**
Deputy Head of Law

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 established a statutory duty for Councils and CCGs to jointly prepare Health and Wellbeing Strategies for the local area as defined by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The purpose of the Health and Wellbeing Strategies and also the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments is to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community and reduce inequalities for all ages. They are a continuous process of strategic assessment and planning, and the core aim is to develop local evidence-based priorities for commissioning which will improve the public's health and reduce inequalities.

Their outputs, in the form of evidence and the analysis of needs, and agreed priorities, should be used to help to determine what actions local authorities, the local NHS and other partners need to take to meet health and social care needs, and to address the wider determinants that impact on health and wellbeing.

7.3 **Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **Becky Lee**
Community Development and Equalities Team

The aim of the Strategy is to improve the health and wellbeing of the population of Thurrock. Doing so will mean reducing inequalities in health and wellbeing.

7.4 **Other implications** (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

The refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy will facilitate crime and disorder priorities that relate specifically to health and wellbeing, further strengthening the relationship between the Health and Wellbeing Board and Community Safety Partnership.

8. **Appendices to the report**

- Appendix A – Refresh Scope
- Appendix B – Communication and Engagement Plan

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