

15 September 2016		ITEM: 6
Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board		
Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Strategy Goal B, A Healthier Environment Summary Report		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: To note action plans	
Report of: Councillor James Halden, Portfolio Holder for Education and Health and Chair of Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board		
Accountable Head of Service: N/A		
Accountable Director: Steve Cox, Corporate Director of Environment and Place		
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Executive Summary

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2021 was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board in February 2016 and the CCG Board and Council in March 2016.

At its meeting in February, the Health and Wellbeing Board agreed that action plans and an outcomes framework should be developed to support the delivery of the Strategy and to measure its impact.

This paper provides action plans that have been developed to support the achievement of Thurrock's Health and Wellbeing Strategy Goal B, Healthier Environments. It follows the previous action plans considered by Health and Wellbeing Board members at their meeting in July for Goal A, Opportunity For All.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 The Board is asked to agree action plans developed to support the achievement Thurrock's Health and Wellbeing Strategy Goal B, Healthier Environments.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 Thurrock's Health and Wellbeing Strategy comprises five strategic goals which make the most difference to the health and wellbeing of the people of Thurrock.

2.2 Goal B, A Healthier Environment, focusses on creating places that keep people well and independent.

2.3 Creating a healthier environment will help to keep people well for as long as possible. This will involve ensuring that communities are strong and inclusive and making sure that Thurrock is designed and built to make it easy for people to live active and healthy lives.

2.4 Four key objectives have been established as part of clearly defining and determining what needs to be done to create a healthier environment for Thurrock:

- i. Outdoor spaces that make it easier to exercise and to be active
- ii. More homes that will be built to keep people well and independent
- iii. Communities will be stronger and better connected
- iv. Air quality will be improved

2.5 Each of the objectives would be supported by an action plan containing the key actions needed to meet the objective. Health and Wellbeing Board members approved an outcome framework containing a number of related performance indicators at your meeting in July. Performance indicators have been incorporated into individual action plans, ensuring that the impact of specific actions and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy can be measured.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

3.1 Action plans are being presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board that have been subject to consultation. Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to note the action plans for Goal B, Healthier Environments and invited to provide feedback on the actions and delivery timescales

4. Reasons for Recommendation

4.1 Health and Wellbeing Board members are responsible for driving forward Thurrock's Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Action plans have been developed for each of the Strategy's five Goals. Health and Wellbeing Board members have agreed to consider action plans for one of the Strategy's Goals at each meeting.

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

5.1 Action plans are developed in partnership between Thurrock Council, CCG, VCS and key stakeholders. Community engagement is a key part of the development of action focussed plans to support the achievement of Thurrock's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

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

6.1 'Improve health and wellbeing' is one of the Council's five corporate priorities. The Health and Wellbeing Strategy is the means through which the priorities for improving the health and wellbeing of Thurrock's population are identified.

- 6.3 As part of creating outdoor spaces to make it easier to exercise and be active the action plan includes a commitment to undertake comprehensive audits and needs assessments for open spaces, play areas, footpaths and cycle ways across the borough. It also contains a commitment to ensure that all new developments appropriately contribute towards the creation and/or enhancement of open spaces and play areas across the borough.
- 6.4 Actions identified to develop homes that keep people well and independent include encouraging the development of high quality private sector housing across the borough that appropriately reflects the needs of all communities including older people households. There is also a commitment to explore the demand and potential to develop specialist housing for vulnerable people across the borough.
- 6.5 Actions identified to build strong, well connected communities within Thurrock includes promoting and encouraging volunteering activities, increasing awareness of the Small Sparks Grant Funding which involves providing up to £250 to members of the public for projects created to improve their neighbourhoods
- 6.4 Thurrock's Air Quality Strategy is currently under review. Councillors Little and Halden will be bringing a further paper back to the Health and Wellbeing Board which looks at the borough wide implications for air quality and how this fits with the overall agenda for the regeneration of Thurrock.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Roger Harris, Corporate Director Adults Housing and Health**

There are no financial implications. The priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be delivered through the existing resources of Health and Wellbeing Board partners.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Roger Harris, Corporate Director Adults Housing and Health**

There are no legal implications. The Council and Clinical Commissioning Group have a duty to develop a Health and Wellbeing Strategy as part of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Roger Harris, Corporate Director Adults Housing and Health**

Action will need to be taken to improve the health and wellbeing of Thurrock's population and reduce inequalities in the health and wellbeing of Thurrock's population. Being successful will include identifying sections of the population whose health and wellbeing outcomes are significantly worse, and taking action that helps to ensure the outcomes of those people can improve. This will be supported by information contained within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

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

None identified

8. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- None

9. Appendices to the report

- Action plans for Goal B, Healthier Environments.
 - Action Plan B1, Create outdoor spaces that make it easier to exercise and to be active
 - Action Plan B2, Develop homes that keep people well and independent
 - Action Plan B3, Building Strong, well connected communities

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