

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report provides an update on the work of the District Health and Wellbeing Forum which was set up as a subgroup of the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board. It has been established that there should be better two-way communication between the Forum and its parent Board so that the Forum is properly aligned with and delivering against the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities and so that the Board can understand how its own members can support delivery of health and health inequalities outcomes at district level.

2. The future role of the Board and Forum

- 2.1. The Forum met most recently on 24 January 2017. The Forum received proposals from the HHWB Manager concerning the future structure of its subgroups. The Forum welcomes the formation of a new Business Group and a desire to improve the functioning of the Board. The recognition of the need to involve communities and have better communication is welcome. It is not yet clear how the Board proposes to act collectively towards a shared objective, to support closer integration and drive system performance improvement. We have not seen an articulation of 'what success looks like' for the Board.
- 2.3. The Forum is content to continue to make a strong contribution towards health and wellbeing issues, both leading the 'Healthier Communities' priority and contributing to the other three priorities (Starting, Living and Ageing Well). The Forum understands that these other groups will be tasked to address resilience, obesity and isolation issues respectively and the Forum feels strongly that it has a role to play in helping address all of these challenges. We await further clear details on the objectives, terms of reference, membership, actions and performance management arrangements for these other groups, so that we can assess the level and nature of District Forum representation.

- 2.4. For 'Healthier Communities' similarly, there is a need for further discussion as to the clear remit for the Forum itself. The Forum feels that 'Education and motivation to choose a healthy lifestyle' is a very broad and vague concept, that needs a wide partnership approach and doesn't recognise the particular opportunities that Districts have (i.e. Planning, Housing, Environment, Transport, Community Safety, Leisure, links to the voluntary sector, a close knowledge of our communities and in most cases strong local district-level Health and Wellbeing Partnerships).
- 2.5. The Forum received presentations at its January meeting on Connect to Support and Supportive Communities. Both these areas would benefit from further District level engagement.
- 2.6. We are also considering how health and planning can be better linked, and HCC Public Health and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Planning Officers Group (HIPOG) have drafted a protocol for improving links between Planning and Health (including better consultation with Public Health on large planning applications and Health Impact Assessments).
- 2.7. The central outcome of the 'Healthy Communities' priority, as set out in the HHWB Strategy, is to reduce the significant difference between those with the best and worst health in Hampshire. The issue of health inequalities provides a useful role for Districts and the Forum, albeit that levels of deprivation are spread unevenly across the county.
- 2.8. We are exploring with HCC Public Health the concept of 'collaborative commissioning' which would perhaps allow HCC and CCG commissioners to better respond to the needs of local communities, particularly those experiencing disadvantage, using district based assets and opportunities.
- 2.9. The discussions of the Forum hitherto and the identification of a number of issues (above), all point towards the following possible objective: to address the wider determinants of health and wellbeing and health inequalities.
- 2.10. Possible actions for the Forum therefore would be:
 - Ensure local information is included in online directories, and that those websites are well promoted locally.
 - Ensure strategic (county-wide) efforts to promote healthier lifestyles are well supported locally
 - Maximise health gains through planning.
 - Ensure there are appropriate local actions to address health inequalities, including all HHWB members
 - Ensure District representation on other HHWB subgroups
 - Ensure commissioners are fully aware of local assets and opportunities to enhance provision of services.
 - Ensure there are mechanisms for sharing best practice across Districts (and their district-based Health and Wellbeing Boards) and with HHWB members

3. Finance

- 3.1. This report has no financial implications for the Board. Districts make a significant contribution towards improving and protecting the health and

wellbeing of Hampshire residents through both statutory and non-statutory functions (where they are carried out), preventing an even higher cost burden on NHS, social care and other budgets. The District Forum has no budget and no infrastructure support funded from Hampshire County Council or the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board; infrastructure support is provided by members of the Forum in kind (currently Hart District Council and Eastleigh Borough Council). (The Forum is grateful for the role of HCC Public Health in providing briefings and advice to the Forum.)

4. Recommendations

4.1. It is recommended that:

- The Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board members continue to work to clarify their shared objectives and priorities for action.
- The Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board quickly forms other subgroups and agrees delivery priorities, action plans and group memberships.
- The Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board comments on the proposed objective and actions for the Forum above.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

- 1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;

Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;

Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;

Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;

Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

District Councils also have a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 and can go further in meeting this duty by working with the support of members of the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board, particularly in relation to health inequalities.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. This is an update, impact assessments will be undertaken when particular decisions are due to be taken.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- 3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

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