



Health and Wellbeing Together

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| Report title | Developing the Health and Wellbeing Dimension in All Policies | |
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| Report has been considered by | Public Health Leadership Team | 5 March 2019 |

Recommendation for action:

The Health and Wellbeing Together Board is recommended to:

1. Identify opportunities to adapt their internal governance processes to raise the profile of health and wellbeing in decision making.

Recommendations for noting:

The Health and Wellbeing Together Board is asked to note:

1. The progress made by City of Wolverhampton Council towards adopting a 'Health in All Policies' methodology and next steps for further development within the Council.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To update partners on progress made by City of Wolverhampton Council as a Public Health Council where health and wellbeing is embedded into all decision making.
- 1.2 To invite the wider membership of Health and Wellbeing Together to identify opportunities to adapt their own internal governance processes as appropriate to raise the profile of health and wellbeing in decision making as part of the development of a system wide approach to 'health in all policies.'

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Health and Wellbeing Together is the forum where key leaders from the health and care system come together to improve the health and wellbeing of people in the City of Wolverhampton, work towards reducing health inequalities and support the development of improved and joined up health and social care services. It is the name given to the City of Wolverhampton Health and Wellbeing Board, a statutory Board established under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- 2.2 Health and Wellbeing Together is responsible for preparing and publishing a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy that is evidence based through the work of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and other supporting needs assessments.
- 2.3 The current Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018 - 2023 was approved at the 23 January 2018 board meeting. It is thematically presented, with priorities identified using a place based and life course approach. Health and Wellbeing Together is committed to an annual evaluation of the impact of the strategy via a series of self-assessment criteria, including demonstrating buy in by partners at all levels of their respective organisations.
- 2.4 In October 2018 the City of Wolverhampton Council Executive approved the inclusion of a 'health and wellbeing implications' heading within the corporate report template as a first step towards developing a Wolverhampton approach to 'health in all policies'.¹ This approach is a tool to strengthen the influence of consideration of health and wellbeing implications across all policy areas.
- 2.5 The draft Council Plan, set to be approved by Cabinet on 20 March 2019 and Full Council on 03 April 2019, includes six priorities to enable Wulfrunians to live longer, healthier and more fulfilling lives.

3.0 Progress and next steps

- 3.1 Early feedback of the inclusion of a 'health and wellbeing implications' heading in the City of Wolverhampton reports template indicates a growing corporate awareness of how decision making across all Council directorates can impact on the health and wellbeing of citizens. The planned development of training material/ short guidance notes will further enhance this.

¹ Health in All Policies – a manual for local government
<https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/health-all-policies-manual-ff0.pdf>

- 3.2 In addition, the development of interactive mapping dashboards to inform live decision making as part of the development of a ‘JSNA interactive’ toolkit is enabling health and wellbeing data to proactively inform corporate decision-making processes. For example, the recently launched Local Area Risk Assessment Tool designed to ensure gambling operators have robust policies, procedures and control measures in place to address the issues associated with problem gambling.
<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/13804/New-tool-will-help-mitigate-risk-of-problem-gambling-in-city>
- 3.2 A more detailed and related approach is the use of Health Impact Assessments (HIA). This is a structured approach to assessing the formal health impact of a specific policy and/or decision. They are more detailed assessments of the health impact of a policy and/or decision. For example, HIAs could be undertaken to inform large scale planning, transportation or environmental schemes such as assessing the health effects of an energy from waste facility or housing redevelopment project. The Council has agreed to use this approach where the circumstances suggest it might be helpful. This would be agreed on a case-by-case basis with the Council and / or other partners as relevant. It could be linked to scrutiny processes as appropriate. As part of the next steps a draft template is being developed to be brought through required governance internal processes for consideration.
- 3.3 Once approved the Council Plan will embed opportunities for coproduction and collaboration with city partners and citizens in relation to each of its priority areas.
- 3.4 Having received an update of the progress and next steps made by City of Wolverhampton Council towards adopting Wolverhampton ‘health in all polices’ methodology Health and Wellbeing Together partners are invited to identify opportunities to adapt their internal governance processes to raise the profile of health and wellbeing in decision making as part of the development of a system wide approach to ‘health in all policies.’

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
[MI/04032019/B]

5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Together Board is a statutory Board established under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. It has a statutory duty, with clinical commissioning groups to produce a joint strategic needs assessment and a joint health and wellbeing strategy for its local population.
- 5.2 Councils have a statutory duty to improve the health of the local population.
[LW/08032019/N]

6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 Equalities are a key consideration of impact for health and well-being. Developing our approach to health impact will strengthen our approach to equalities.

7.0 Environmental implications

- 7.1 Environmental factors in certain circumstances e.g. air pollution or waste management, may be key elements of assessing the health and well-being impact of a policy.

8.0 Human resources implications

- 8.1 There are no direct human resources implications arising from this report, but the health and wellbeing of the workforce is always a key consideration in successful delivery of organisational aims.

9.0 Corporate Landlord implications

- 9.1 There are no direct Corporate Landlord implications arising from this report. In certain circumstances, there could be a positive contribution to health and wellbeing impact arising from decisions made in respect of our corporate landlord responsibilities such as making land available for more housing.

10.0 Health and wellbeing implications

- 10.1 The content of this report is to enable partnership discussion to enhance a whole system to embedding health and wellbeing in decision making.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

- 10.1 Maximising Health and Wellbeing Together Board impact and associated governance. Executive Team 15 October 2018.