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| <b>MEETING:</b>         | <b>HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING BOARD</b>  |
| <b>MEETING DATE:</b>    | <b>25 March 2015</b>   |
| <b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b> | <b>REFRESH OF THE HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING STRATEGY</b>  |
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## **Classification**

Open

## **Key Decision**

This is a key decision.

## **Wards Affected**

County-wide

## **Purpose**

- To provide board members with the update on the priorities and themes of the refreshed health and wellbeing strategy
- To provide board members with analysis on the feedback received from the public and key stakeholders on the consultation linked to the health and wellbeing strategy
- To seek endorsement for the consultation and engagement findings
- To outline the proposed format of the strategy and action plans

## **Recommendation(s)**

**THAT:**

- (a) The Board discuss the feedback from the consultation;**
- (b) Board members identify their role in championing and communicating the health and wellbeing strategy and action plans;**
- (c) The Board endorse both the approach being taken and the priorities**

- outlined; and;
- (d) **The Board consider the links between the Health & Wellbeing Strategy and the emerging Economic Masterplan.**

## **Alternative Options**

- 1 There are no Alternative Options as the Herefordshire Health & Wellbeing Board has been established under the provisions set out in the Health & Social Care Act 2012.
- 2 The Board is a key strategic leadership forum that drives ongoing improvements in health and wellbeing across Herefordshire.
- 3 There is a duty to agree and publish a joint health and wellbeing strategy setting out ambitious outcomes for improved health and wellbeing across Herefordshire

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4 It is important that board members take an active role in the development of the key themes and priorities of the health and wellbeing strategy and in the plans for consultation with the public as a key component of the health and wellbeing strategy

## **Key Considerations**

- 5 There is an early draft version of a health & wellbeing strategy in place with an agreed vision and some key principles. There is now an integrated needs assessment in place as well as a children and young people's needs assessment which forms the bedrock of any health and wellbeing strategy.
- 6 Additional work is required to identify the key themes for the health and wellbeing strategy based on the recent developments within the council and across partner organisations whereby major proposals new programmes are being developed.
- 7 To ensure credibility for the health and wellbeing strategy consultation with the public needs to take place
- 8 The health and wellbeing board supports relationships between the council and its local partners providing new opportunities to explore approaches to commissioning, collaborative working, re-design and to support self care of the population.
- 9 The health and wellbeing strategy will not replace existing strategies and plans but should value to those already in place
- 10 The health and wellbeing strategy should enable partners to collectively focus effort where impact will be greatest on the health and wellbeing of local people. Community Impact
- 11 See point 9. Drawing on the assets in the communities across Herefordshire will be key to supporting the vision and priorities of the strategy. We need people to take more responsibility for their own health and we know that community spirit and community support is central to good health. Evidence has shown that higher levels of social capital are associated with better health, higher educational attainment, better employment and lower crime rates.

- 12 Actively encouraging and guiding people to live healthier lifestyles and to look after themselves, their families and neighbours, will have the double impact of reducing pressures on services whilst creating social networks of support.

## **Financial Implications**

- 13 None

## **Legal Implications**

- 14 None

## **Risk Management**

- 15 None

## **Consultees**

- 16 A range of officers and elected members of the council have been consulted with as have various officers and chairs of local partnerships. The Supportive Communities Working Group is overseeing the work.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Refresh of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy

## **Background Papers**

None.