

Title of report: Joint, Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Meeting: Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Meeting date: Monday 23 January 2023

Report by: Public Health Project Manager

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision.

Wards affected

(All Wards)

Purpose

To present to the committee firstly, a review of the consultation process and responses received. Secondly, present some conclusions and high level proposals on priorities for consideration in the strategy and thirdly, update the committee in regard to the timeline for the development of the draft strategy and its final version.

Recommendation(s)

That the committee consider the report and note progress.

Alternative options

1. It is a function of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) to produce a Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS).
2. The committee could choose not to consider this briefing, however given the importance of the subject matter it is presented to this meeting.

Key considerations

3. The council produced the attached report in January 2023. The report is for the committee to consider and to take account of.

Community impact

4. In accordance with the adopted code of corporate governance, the council is committed to promoting a positive working culture that accepts, and encourages constructive challenge, and recognises that a culture and structure for scrutiny are key elements for accountable decision making, policy development and review. Topics selected for scrutiny should have regard to what matters to residents.

Environmental impact

5. Whilst this is an update on the work programme and will have minimal environmental impacts, consideration has been made to minimise waste and resource use in line with the council's Environmental Policy.

Equality duty

6. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - c) facilitate good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
7. The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services. As this report concerns the administrative function of the scrutiny committee, it is unlikely that it will have an impact on our equality duty.

Resource implications

8. The costs of the work of the committee will have to be met within existing resources. It should be noted the costs of running scrutiny can be subject to an assessment to support appropriate processes.
9. The councillors' allowance scheme contains provision for co-opted and other non-elected members to claim travel, subsistence and dependant carer's allowances on the same basis as members of the council. If the committee agrees that co-optees should be included in an inquiry they will be entitled to claim allowances.
10. It is suggested that a scrutiny committee should only have one in-depth scrutiny task group inquiry running at a time.
11. It should be noted that the Health and Wellbeing Strategy is likely to identify some key areas for action which may have implications for funding.

Legal implications

12. Section 196 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires the preparation and publication of a joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy which describes how the Health and Wellbeing Board, working together with partners, will improve health and wellbeing.
13. The council is required to deliver a scrutiny function. The development of a work programme which is focused and reflects those priorities facing Herefordshire will assist the committee and the council to deliver a scrutiny function.
14. The Scrutiny Rules in Part 4 Section 5 of the council's constitution provide for the setting of a work programme, the reporting of recommendations to the executive and the establishment of task and finish groups within the committee's agreed work programme.

Risk management

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
There is a reputational risk to the council if the scrutiny function does not operate effectively.	The arrangements for the development of the work programme should help mitigate this risk.

Consultees

Matt Pearce (Director of Public Health), Hilary Hall (Corporate Director Community Wellbeing)

Appendices

Appendix A - Main report

Appendix 1 - Summary of areas of concern informed by the Public Health Outcomes Framework

Appendix 2 - Public consultations reviewed as part of priority setting

Appendix 3 - Summary of issues and challenges identified by Community Partnership - September 2022

Background papers

Herefordshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy - [Health and Wellbeing Board and Strategy](#)

Herefordshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - [Herefordshire's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#)

Herefordshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy - [Consultation](#)