

Title of report: Executive response to the Health, Care and Well-being Scrutiny Committee: Obesity in Herefordshire

Decision maker: Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing

Report by: Director of Public Health

Classification

Open

Decision type

Non-key

Wards affected

(All Wards);

Purpose

To approve the executive response to the recommendations from the Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

The Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee made 15 recommendations.

Recommendation(s)

That:

- a) **The response to the Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee recommendations regarding Obesity in Herefordshire, as attached appendix 1 is approved.**

Alternative options

1. None proposed; It is a statutory requirement to provide a response to recommendations made by Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. It is open to the executive to accept, partially accept or reject a recommendation from Scrutiny Committee, should a recommendation not be accepted an explanation should be provided.

Key considerations

2. In September 2022 the council's Public Health team presented a report to the Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee outlining the current position on Obesity in Herefordshire. The report can be seen in appendix 2.
3. At the Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 23 September 2022, the recommendations in appendix 1 were made.

Community impact

4. The executive response to the report supports the County Plan (2020-2024) priorities:
 - Improve and extend active travel options throughout the county
 - Ensure all children are healthy, safe and inspired to achieve
 - Protect and improve the lives of vulnerable people
 - Seek strong stewardship of the county's natural resources
 - Protect and enhance the county's biodiversity, value nature and uphold environmental standards

Environmental Impact

5. This decision seeks to deliver the council's [environmental policy commitments](#) and aligns to the following success measures in the County Plan.
 - Reduce the council's carbon emissions
 - Improve residents' access to green space in Herefordshire
 - Increase the number of short distance trips being done by sustainable modes of travel – walking, cycling, public transport
6. Herefordshire Council provides and purchases a wide range of services for the people of Herefordshire. Together with partner organisations in the private, public and voluntary sectors we share a strong commitment to improving our environmental sustainability, achieving carbon neutrality and to protect and enhance Herefordshire's outstanding natural environment.
7. Whilst this decision will have minimal environmental impacts, consideration has been made to minimise waste and resource use in line with the Council's Environmental Policy.
8. The environmental impact of this proposal has been considered through the responses to recommendations and any future activity will consider appropriate considerations around minimising waste, reducing energy and carbon emissions and to consider opportunities to enhance biodiversity. This will be managed and reported through any ongoing contract management (if applicable).

Equality duty

9. 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) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

10. 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. Any recommendations made and activity that follows will be subject to an Equality Impact Assessment in regards to equality legislation.

Resource implications

11. There are no resource implications associated with agreeing the content of this report as the Executive response provides information and indicates how the work is being taken forward.
12. Should any of the recommendations be taken forward, the appropriate business cases will need to be produced to support those recommendations.

Legal implications

16. The role of Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee is to scrutinise the planning, provision and operation of local health services. It's role, it will undertake relevant reviews and has the ability to make recommendations.
17. Any recommendations or proposals made to a cabinet member, require a statute response, namely either to accept, partially accept or reject a recommendation. This decision is an executive one and is a non-key decision. It is in response to the Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee in September 2022.

Risk management

18. There are no risks associated with agreeing the content of this report as the Executive response provides information and indicates how the work is being taken forward.

Consultees

19. None

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - The response to the Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee recommendations regarding Obesity in Herefordshire
- Appendix 2 - A report to the Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee outlining the current position on Obesity in Herefordshire

Background papers

- None identified

Report Reviewers Used for appraising this report:

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