

REPORT TO: Employment, Learning, Skills and Community
Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 12 November 2012

REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Public Health

PORTFOLIO: Health and Adults & Children, Young People
and Families

SUBJECT: Health & Wellbeing Strategy

WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Board with Halton's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

RECOMMENDED: That the Board

(1) Note the contents of the report and appended Strategy

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 In recent months the Health and Wellbeing Board has been working on the development of a Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Halton. This has involved gathering and analysing information and intelligence from a variety of sources including the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), area health profiles and consultation exercises with partners, local councillors, the public, school children, including special schools and representatives from the council and PCT workforce as well as looking at the emerging priorities from the Halton Clinical Commissioning Group's Commissioning Plan.

3.2 The analysis produced a comprehensive list of health and wellbeing needs for Halton. This list was then prioritised in a transparent way by Halton's Health and Wellbeing Board through the use of a Prioritisation Framework. This enabled the Board to agree 5 priorities for the next 12 months at which stage they will be reviewed and either continued or changed depending on progress.

3.3 This Prioritisation exercise produced five key priorities as follows:

- Prevention and early detection of cancer;
- Improved child development;

- Reduction in the number of falls in adults;
- Reduction in the harm from alcohol; and
- Prevention and early detection of mental health conditions

3.4 Following agreement of the priorities a draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy was developed. This was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 12th September and is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

Vision for Health and Wellbeing in Halton

3.5 As outlined in paragraph 3.1, in developing the Strategy, we have carried out wide consultation with local people. Similar consultation has also taken place in the development of local health and wellbeing areas. These events have provided us with a wealth of information and local knowledge that have not only enabled us to develop our Strategy and a brand for health and wellbeing, but have also helped us to shape our Vision for the Strategy.

Summary of Outline and Content

3.6 The Strategy builds up a picture of need using the wealth of information and intelligence available through the JSNA and local consultation. It sets out the five priorities that the Health and Wellbeing Board have chosen and explains how the Board intends to turn the priorities into action, who will be responsible and how we will monitor our success. There are a number of priority summaries at the back of the report '*The Story Behind the Priorities*' that explain in further detail why they were chosen as priorities and how they link to national outcomes frameworks.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Strategy should provide the overarching framework within which commissioning plans for the NHS, Social Care, Public Health and other services which the Health and Wellbeing Board agrees are relevant, are developed.

4.2 The implementation of the strategy at a local level will have direct policy implications for the future delivery of services however until the detail of the strategy is worked through and developed it will be impossible to say exactly what these are at this time.

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None identified at this time.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**
Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People is a key priority in Halton and will continue to be addressed through the Health and Wellbeing Strategy whilst taking into account existing strategies and action plans so as to ensure a joined-up approach and avoid duplication.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**
Employment, Learning and Skills is a key determinant of health and wellbeing and is therefore a key consideration when developing strategies to address health inequalities

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**
All issues outlined in this report focus directly on this priority.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**
Reducing the incidence of crime, improving Community Safety and reducing the fear of crime has an impact on health outcomes particularly on mental health.

There are also close links between partnerships on areas such as alcohol and domestic violence.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**
The environment in which we live and the physical infrastructure of our communities has a direct impact on our health and wellbeing and will therefore need to be considered as part of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Developing a Health and Wellbeing Strategy in itself does not present any obvious risk however, there may be risks associated with the resultant action plans. These will be assessed as appropriate.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 This is in line with all equality and diversity issues in Halton.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.