

Subject:	Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy (Sep 13)		
Date of Meeting:	11 September 2013		
Report of:	The Director of Public Health		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 The Health & Social Care Act (2012) requires each local Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB) to publish a Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS).
- 1.2 Brighton & Hove shadow HWB agreed a draft JHWS in September 2012. However, HWBs did not become statutory bodies until April 2013, meaning that the JHWS must also be agreed by the statutory board.
- 1.3 The strategy that members are here being asked to consider is substantially the same document that was agreed at the September 2012 meeting. However, we have taken the opportunity to:
 - a) update the strategy where relevant (e.g. with a new section on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment);
 - b) reflect consultation and engagement with a range of stakeholders - principally facilitated by the Brighton & Hove Community & Voluntary Sector Forum (CVSF);
 - c) undertake equalities impact assessment work (an EIA for the JHWS is attached as **Appendix 2** to this report).
- 1.4 The revised JHWS is included as **Appendix 1** to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board approve the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy set out at **Appendix 1**, and authorise its publication .

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The Health & Social Care Act (2012) obliges each local HWB to publish a JHWS. Neither the legislation nor the statutory guidance concerning the JHWS is particularly prescriptive: in essence, local areas are free to agree their own JHWS, providing the JHWS reflects the major partnership health and wellbeing priorities across the area, proposes plans to improve outcomes in these areas, and is clearly evidence-based.
- 3.2 Locally, council commissioners and the CCG agreed that the JHWS should be a succinct, evidence-driven document focusing on the core health, public health and social care issues which had the greatest impact on city residents, and where there was a real opportunity to improve outcomes via better partnership working. The draft JHWS (**Appendix 1**) provides more information on the prioritisation process we followed to arrive at a shortlist of highest priority issues, most of which were then adopted as JHWS priorities by the shadow HWB (in May 2012).
- 3.3 The shadow HWB agreed that the JHWS priorities should be: cancer & cancer screening, smoking, emotional health & wellbeing (inc. mental health), dementia, and healthy weight & good nutrition.
- 3.4 A JHWS working group made up of senior commissioners from public health, the CCG, BHCC adult social care and BHCC children's services was established to develop the JHWS, with additional input as required from other professionals.
- 3.5 The period between the shadow HWB agreeing a JHWS draft and the statutory board considering a final draft has allowed us to engage and consult with a number of organisations. These include: local NHS provider trusts, the Supporting People Provider Forum, the Local Strategic Partnership and the Older People's Council. Details of our engagement with the local community and voluntary sector are provided in Section 4 below.
- 3.6 The final draft of the JHWS presented here to the HWB is substantially the same as the draft agreed by the shadow HWB in September 2012, subject to some minor amendments/additions reflecting comments and suggestions solicited via stakeholder engagement and to the updating of information where necessary.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Detailed information with regard to community engagement is included in the draft JHWS (**Appendix 1**). In short, however, our engagement with community and voluntary sector organisations was kindly facilitated and led by the Brighton & Hove Community & Voluntary Sector Forum (CVSF). This engagement included several workshop/seminar sessions (both in advance of and subsequent to the development of a draft JHWS) as well as a written survey of CVSF member organisations. The seminar sessions were also attended by a range of social care, public health and CCG commissioners.
- 4.2 CVSF submitted a detailed response to the JHWS draft. All the CVSF recommendations are well-evidenced and positive, and it is intended that we should implement as many of them as possible. However, the majority of recommendations relate to relatively detailed operational matters rather than high-level strategic planning, and as such are better addressed via individual

commissioning plans rather than the JHWS (both because of the level of detail involved and because they relate to decisions to be taken by officers exercising delegated powers rather than by HWB members). A full response to the CVSF submission will therefore be provided by the JHWS working group (see point 3.4 above) and copied for information to the HWB.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy informs priorities, budget development and the Medium Term Financial Strategy of the Council, Health and other partners.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley

Date: 29/08/13

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 Section 196 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 makes it a duty of the Health & Wellbeing Board to exercise the function of the local authority and its partner clinical commissioning group set out in section 116A of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. In consequence, the Health & Wellbeing Board for Brighton & Hove is responsible for preparing and publishing a strategy for meeting the needs identified in the relevant Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

Lawyer Consulted: Oliver Dixon

Date: 29/08/13

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 An equalities impact assessment has been completed and is attached as **Appendix 2** to this report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Sustainability implications, where applicable, are discussed in the body of the JHWS (**Appendix 1**), particularly in relation to the Healthy Weight & Good Nutrition priority.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 Crime & Disorder implications, where applicable, are discussed in the body of the JHWS (**Appendix 1**).

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 The JHWS is a significant document in terms of high level partnership planning around health and wellbeing across the city, and the JHWS priorities include some of the biggest current and likely future causes of morbidity and mortality, including cancer, smoking, dementia, mental health and obesity. These conditions pose a very significant risk to city residents, and there is also a very significant opportunity to improve health outcomes by reducing the prevalence of

these conditions, perhaps particularly via prevention and early intervention. However, detailed risk and opportunity management of these issues will be undertaken at an operational/commissioning level.

Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 Public health implications, where applicable, are discussed in the body of the JHWS (**Appendix 1**).

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 These are set out in detail in the Inequalities section of the JHWS (**Appendix 1**).

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 The JHWS (**Appendix 1**) provides more information on the JHWS prioritisation process where a range of potential JHWS priorities were discussed and evaluated. A detailed description of the prioritisation process was included in the report “A Proposal for the Development of the JHWS” which was considered by the shadow HWB at its May 2012 meeting.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Council is required by statute to publish a JHWS which details the highest priority health and wellbeing partnership issues for the local area together with plans to improve outcomes.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. The draft JHWS
2. EIA for the draft JHWS

Documents in Members’ Rooms

None

Background Documents

1. The Health & Social Care Act (2012)
2. Shadow HWB committee report (May 2012): “A Proposal for the Development of the JHWS”.