

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**CABINET – 9<sup>th</sup> July**

**HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY 2020/21-2022/23**

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**PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT**

**1. SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS**

**1.1 Introduction**

The Health & Wellbeing Board approved the draft proposals for the refreshed Health & Wellbeing Strategy for 2020/21 - 2022/23 in February 2020, before the full nature and scale of the coronavirus pandemic was imagined. Since then the impact of COVID-19 has profoundly affected us all as individuals, within our families and communities, and also in the statutory and voluntary organisations which offer services and support to improve health and wellbeing in Telford & Wrekin.

The pandemic has impacted on our health and wellbeing in significant and far reaching ways, particularly challenging our emotional and mental wellbeing and resilience. Health inequalities have been especially apparent not only for COVID-19 infection, but more widely as vulnerable children and adults have been most adversely affected due to the pressure the lock down period. We know that during the pandemic many people have not sought medical advice and that urgent treatment been delayed. The pandemic has also clearly impacted significantly the wider determinants of health, such as business and economy and education.

The refreshed strategy demonstrates the partnership progress made in improving health and wellbeing through the changing way partners have worked together to improve outcomes since the establishment of the Health & Wellbeing Board in 2013. Our proposals have now been updated to reflect the recovery, reform and reset agenda, providing a unique opportunity for the council, partners our communities to re-imagine and re-invent how we work together to improve health and wellbeing.

The strategy priorities proposed in early 2020 are all still highly relevant to our communities and we are also proposing an additional health protection priority, to

ensure we have a focus on preventing and reducing the spread of infectious disease in our communities.

The proposed priorities are as follows:

- Continue to develop, evolve and deliver our Telford & Wrekin Integrated Place Partnership (TWIPP) priority programmes:
  - Building community capacity and resilience
  - Prevention and healthy lifestyles
  - Early access to advice and information
  - Integrated care and support pathways
- Have a priority focus to drive progress on tackling health inequalities
- Set a priority call to action to improve emotional and mental wellbeing
- Ensure we protect people's health as much as possible from infectious diseases and other threats

A series of engagement workshops in late 2019 informed the development of the original strategy refresh proposals, including valuable conversations with Community and Voluntary Sector organisations.

The consultation on the strategy priorities planned for March 2020 did not take place given the urgent need to respond to the COVID-19 situation. If the Board approve these reset strategy proposals it is envisaged that consultation and engagement work will take place as part of the programmes being developed to deliver against the priorities.

The additional priority of preventing and reducing the spread of infectious disease in our communities relates to work in containing the spread of the Covid virus at this stage of the pandemic. Our local Covid outbreak and prevention plan has been published and will be taken to the Health & Wellbeing Board on the 13<sup>th</sup> July. The Council's Health Protection Hub is operational and is taking action to prevent the spread of the virus, respond to complex situations and contain any outbreaks. This local work sits as part of the nationally determined NHS Test & Trace framework of response and our plan identifies key risks with regard to having access to sufficient data locally to take effective public health action, adherence and compliance of the public and employers with NHS Test and Trace and turnaround times for results in national testing services.

The governance arrangements for the implementation of this strategy will be managed through the Health & Wellbeing Board, Telford & Wrekin Integrated Place Partnership and the Telford & Wrekin Community Safety Partnership. There will also be alignment with the governance structure being planned as part of recovery coordination in the local authority and as part of NHS system restoration plans. A governance model for

the strategy, which aligns with partner's recovery and reset plans will be brought back to the HWB in due course.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cabinet is asked to approve the Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2020/21-2022/23

## SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

<b>COMMUNITY IMPACT</b>	Do these proposals contribute to specific Council priorities?	
	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving health and wellbeing across Telford and Wrekin, and;</li> <li>Protect and support our most vulnerable children and adults</li> <li>Securing the best start in life for children and young people</li> </ul>
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	Yes	The Strategy aims to improve health and wellbeing for everybody in Telford & Wrekin, with a drive to reduce health inequalities, in our most disadvantaged communities, and for people with poor mental health. There is a particular focus on our most vulnerable and complex children, young people and adults.
<b>TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE</b>	The Strategy will cover the three year period 2020/21-2022/23.  Key early commitments for 2020/21 are proposed against the priorities.	
<b>FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT</b>	Yes	<p><i>The delivery of this strategy will need to be within available resources, including Public Health grant and other budgets within the Council including those funding adult and children social care services, homelessness and housing support. The final allocation of the Public Health grant for 2020/21 has still not yet been received however it is estimated to be £12.3million which includes an inflationary increase from 2019/20. Significant changes are anticipated to the Local Government Finance system in April 2021 which may impact on Public Health grant, therefore future funding allocations are uncertain at this point. Current projections indicate that overall the Council will have to make savings of around £18million by 2023.</i></p> <p><i>The Better Care Pooled Fund currently provides £6.7m of funding for Integrated care and support delivered by the Council and CCG. The announcement from Government of the CCG funding for the BCF in 20/21 has still not been made but there is currently no indication of any reduction; the Council have included a continuation of its current BCF contribution within its service and financial planning strategy for final approval in March 2020.</i></p> <p><i>The Council was selected to participate in the Government's Strengthening Families programme</i></p>

		<p><i>(Hertfordshire model) which is investing £84 million over 5 years to support up to 20 local authorities to improve work with families to safely reduce the number of children entering care.</i></p> <p><i>MB/TS 24.1.2020</i></p>
<b>LEGAL ISSUES</b>	Yes	<p><i>The HWBB has a statutory obligation to encourage integrated working and to encourage health and care services to work closely with the HWBB (s.195 Health and Social Care Act 2012).</i></p> <p><i>The strategy sets out how the HWBB will encourage integrated working to satisfy its statutory obligation.</i></p> <p><i>AL 22/1/2020</i></p>
<b>OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS &amp; OPPORTUNITIES</b>	No	<p>There are clear opportunities for public sector organisations to work more closely with the community and voluntary sector.</p> <p>The NHS Long Term Plan expectations provides new opportunities to collaborate, so the NHS strengthens its role in the prevention of ill health and duty to reduce inequalities.</p>
<b>IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS</b>	Yes	<p>Borough-wide impact is expected, but particularly wards with highest levels socioeconomic deprivation and health inequalities.</p>

## **PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **3. IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

None.

### **4. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Health & Wellbeing Strategy – Update 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
 Health & Wellbeing Strategy - Refresh proposals Feb 2020

### **5. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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