

	<h2>Health and Wellbeing Board</h2> <h3>18 July 2019</h3>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Barnet Annual Director of Public Health Report 2017: An Update on the Implementation of Recommendations</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Director of Public Health
<b>Wards</b>	All
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<b>Urgent</b>	No
<b>Key</b>	No
<b>Enclosures</b>	<b>Appendix I: The Built Environment and Health, ADPH Report 2017. Progress Report.</b>
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## Summary

The Annual Director of Public Health Report 2017 published in March 2018 called for improvements to the Barnet built environment in order to boost long-term health and wellbeing outcomes for residents and workers. Recommendations were made based on the Town and Country Planning Association's (TCPA) six key elements of the built environment: neighbourhood spaces; building design; food; local economy; movement & access; and open space & recreation. To address recommendations, a collaborative approach was taken across multiple council teams.

An update on actions taken since 2017 is outlined in Appendix I. Progress continues to be made across all six elements of the built environment. Council officers have adopted a collaborative approach to the built environment and health, integrating health and wellbeing priorities into wider council workstreams.

## Recommendations

- 1. That the Health and Wellbeing Board considers the implementation of recommendations outlined in the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2017: The Built Environment and Health and supports continued work to improve Barnet's built environment.**
- 2. That the Health and Wellbeing Board consider sharing the 2017 Annual Director of Public Health (ADPH) recommendations progress report with other relevant theme committees to increase awareness of the impacts of planning and development on health across the Council.**

### **1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

- 1.1** After an assessment of Barnet's built environment and its impact on health and wellbeing was conducted in 2017, it is important to reflect on the implementation of recommendations one year later; exploring our successes and re-evaluating our priorities moving forward.
- 1.2** The 2017 Annual Director of Public Health Report (ADPHR) highlighted established evidence on the health effects of the six elements of the built environment: neighbourhood spaces; open space and recreation; building design; movement and access; local economy; and food. For each element, the ADPHR also summarised the Barnet context, relevant policies (regional, local and neighbourhood) and local action.
- 1.3** Public health specialists and other key partners have worked to ensure local planning creates Healthy Places, helps build healthier lives and communities. As appendix I outlines, positive changes have been made across all six elements of the built environment. In order to create healthier places and get maximum value from council investment, we will continue to work closely with colleagues to achieve the recommendations outlined in the report.

### **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1** While we continue to work closely across the Council and wider partnership to implement the recommendations outlined in the 2017 ADPHR Annual Director of Public Health Report, it is important that we reflect on the successes of the past 18 months and continue to identify areas where further progress could be made. Working across the whole system, we aim to reach a point where the health impacts of planning and developing the built environment and Healthy Places are considered at the outset; at a policy development, master planning or pre-planning application stage. It is at these key points when health has the greatest ability to influence priorities without accruing additional costs.
- 2.2** By sharing the recommendations from the 2017 ADPH report alongside the progress report with relevant committees we can increase awareness of the relationship between the built environment and health.

### **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 3.1 The alternative option is to not provide a review of the 2017 ADPHR recommendations. If no update on recommendations is provided, there would be no opportunity to learn from our successes and to reassess priorities within the rapidly changing policy landscape of Barnet and London as a whole.

#### **4. POST-DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 There is already a programme of work which continues to support the implementation of these recommendations. The Public Health team is working alongside colleagues in planning, regeneration, housing, green spaces and transport to take forward a number of key actions.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

##### **Corporate Priorities and Performance**

- 5.1.1 In the Corporate Plan 2024 the proposed outcome, “residents live healthy, happy, independent lives with the most vulnerable protected” is identified. Well maintained built and natural environments are a prerequisite for health. Therefore, it is critical that recommendations which target improvements to the built environment for the health of the population are incorporated into policy. Furthermore, by continuing to consider the health implications of planning and development via the recommendations outlined in the 2017 ADPH report, we can help achieve the identified corporate plan priority:

*“Responsible delivery of our major regeneration schemes to create better places to live and work, whilst protecting and enhancing the borough”.*

- 5.1.2 As Appendix I identifies, recommendations outlined in the 2017 Annual Director of Public Health Report are already reflected in the draft Growth Strategy, Housing Strategy, Spaces SPD and the local transport implementation plan. We are currently integrating the recommendations from the 2017 ADPH report into the development of the new infrastructure delivery plan, long term transport strategy and local plan.

##### **5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 5.2.1 Although some of the recommendations made in the ADPHR have not been achieved due to financial constraints, when integrated into the pre-planning, master planning and policy creation stage, the majority of recommendations have not had additional costs associated.

##### **5.3 Social Value**

- 5.3.1 The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2013 requires those who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits. Where relevant, the 2017 ADPHR recommendations have encouraged those commissioning services to consider improve the health and environmental benefits of current and future Barnet Council developments and commissioned services.

## 5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (s30) added in a new s.73A to the National Health Service Act 2006 requiring the appointment of a Director of Public Health. Under subsection s.73B (5), the Director is required to prepare an annual report on the health of the people in the area of the Local Authority and the Local Authority is required to publish this report.
- 5.4.1 Article 7 Committees, Forums, Working Groups and Partnerships of the Council's Constitution sets out the terms of reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board which includes:
- To jointly assess the health and social care needs of the population with NHS commissioners, and apply the findings of a Barnet Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to all relevant strategies and policies.
  - To promote partnership and, as appropriate, integration, across all necessary areas, including the use of joined-up commissioning plans across the NHS, social care and public health. To explore partnership work across North Central London where appropriate
  - To work together to ensure the best fit between available resources to meet the health and social care needs of the population of Barnet (including children), by both improving services for health and social care and helping people to move as close as possible to a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing.
  - Specific responsibilities for overseeing public health and developing further health and social care integration

- 5.4.2 The ADPH 2017 recommendations fit within this, seeking to support wider partnerships which positively contribute to population health through the promotion of a healthier built environment. It also assists with the local authority's prevention duty under the Care Act, in that it seeks to promote health and wellbeing which may in turn reduce the need for Care Act services.

## 5.5 Risk Management

- 5.5.1 None identified

## 5.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.6.1 The 2017 ADPHR recommendations are relevant to improving the health outcomes of older people (through 'lifetime neighbourhoods' and improved services accessibility), children (via improved play provision, active transport facilities and Winter Well support) and residents of deprived areas (via targeted regeneration works such as affordable housing, green spaces provision and food growing facilities).

## 5.6.2 Corporate Parenting

No direct impact on children in care are expected as a result of reviewing the ADPH recommendations.

## 5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 Not applicable. None taken as this report is a call to action.

## 5.8 Insight

5.8.1 Initial ADPH report recommendations were made using public health intelligence data and the joint strategic needs assessment.

## 6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Barnet Council. Annual Director of Public Health Report (2017).  
<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/health-and-wellbeing-key-documents/annual-director-public-health-report>
- 6.2 Barnet Council. Draft Growth Strategy (2019).  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s52935/Appendix%201%20-%20Growth%20Strategy.pdf>
- 6.3 Barnet Council. Transport Local Implementation Plan (2018).  
[https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/Transport\\_Local\\_Plan](https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/Transport_Local_Plan)
- 6.4 Barnet Council. Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document. (2017).  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s40453/Appendix%20A.pdf>
- 6.5 Barnet Council. Annual Regeneration Report (2019).  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s52961/Annual%20Regen%20Report.pdf>
- 6.6 Barnet Council. Parks & Open Spaces Draft Masterplan King George V Playing Fields (2019).  
<https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/draft-masterplan-barnet-kinggeorgev-3>
- 6.7 Barnet Council. Parks & Open Spaces Draft Masterplan West Hendon Playing Fields (2019).  
<https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/draft-masterplan-west-hendon-3>
- 6.8 Barnet Council. Draft Cycleway Masterplan (2019)  
<https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/Cycleway>
- 6.9 Barnet Council. Housing Strategy (2019)  
<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/housing/housing-strategy>