

	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee 4 November 2017
Title	Member's Item – Councillor Cohen: Health and Wellbeing Impact Assessments
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
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Urgent	No
Key	No
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Summary

The report informs the Performance and Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's instructions in relation to this Member's item are requested.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Councillor Phil Cohen has requested that a Member's Item be considered on the following matter:

"This Committee agrees to commission a paper on how Health and Wellbeing Impact Assessments can be included in all new policy and strategic developments initiated by Barnet council.

It would mean that for any policy area officers and members would need to consider what the health and wellbeing impact would be if a particular course of action was recommended. At the moment impact assessments cover areas such as resources, social value, equalities and diversity, but not health and wellbeing.

This would be line with an integrated approach which recognises that there are wider determinants of good or poor health and wellbeing covering policy areas such as housing and regeneration, environment, transport, food standards, community safety and leisure.

Other London local authorities have adopted such an approach, as has the Mayor of London. His draft Health Inequalities Strategy called Better Health for all Londoners published on 23 August 2017 says that health and health inequalities need to be addressed systematically across a wide range of public services.

It is also central to the London health devolution agreement announced on 16 November 2017 between the Mayor, Secretary of State for Health Jeremy Hunt, London councils and the NHS. This places importance in joined-up health and social care and recognises how people's quality of life can be affected by differences in people's homes, education, the local environment, jobs, and access to public services."

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

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

5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 None in the context of this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

The Council's Constitution (Article 2 – Members of the Council) states that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee may have one item only on an agenda that he/she serves. Members items must be within the term of reference of the decision making body which will consider the item.

5.4.1 There are no legal references in the context of this report.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 None in the context of this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 Member's Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 None.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Email to the Governance Service dated 22 November 2017