

Development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-25

Purpose

The purpose of this briefing is to seek extension of the current Barnet's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and describe the revised process for a development of the JHWS 2021-25.

Current Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Barnet's current JHWS expired in March 2020. A process to review and update the strategy initially planned to be published in March 2020 had taken place during 2019. However, the process had to be halted due to the coronavirus pandemic and the reprioritisation of public health projects that occurred due to it. COVID-19 Pandemic has had a devastated effect on local, national and worldwide population and has shone further light on disproportionality on health outcomes for specific population groups. The Pandemic also highlighted different ways of working and the importance of prevention, in general and, in particular, a prevention of long-term conditions. It is therefore proposed to take time and an opportunity to capture some of the learning from the pandemic and integrate them within new JHWS.

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015-2020

The JHWS was published in 2015, which had two overarching aims and four objectives:

Aims:

1. Keeping well
2. Promoting Independence

Objectives:

- Improving outcomes for babies, young children and their families
- Creating circumstances that enable people to have greater life opportunities
- Encouraging healthier lifestyles
- Providing care and support to facilitate good outcomes and improve user experience

Progress of this strategy has been assessed annually at Health and Wellbeing Board meeting and priorities were updated accordingly, in light with a new Corporate Plan. The latest priorities agreed at the HWBB were:

- Integrating health and social care and providing support for those with mental health problems and complex needs
- Encouraging residents to lead active and healthy lifestyles and maintain their mental wellbeing
- Improving services for children and young people and ensuring the needs of children are considered in everything we do
- Creating a healthy environment
- Continuing improvements on preventative intervention

Considering recent refresh of the existing priorities, it is proposed to extend current Strategy and work towards current priorities until March 2021, when it is planned to develop and approve new JHWS.

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The vision of our new JHWS proposed during our first phase of development is to make Barnet the London Borough of Health.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, engagement activities took place to identify focus areas for the new strategy. This engagement included key stakeholders, the community, council officers and Health and Wellbeing Board members and further details are included below.

Date	Activity
July 2019	Agreement of the overall process of JHWS update at HWB meeting – this will ensure transparency, as well as raising awareness amongst the board member about this piece of work.
July 2019	Engagement with key stakeholders – including commissioners and Healthwatch
September 2019	Engagement with community – utilise existing platform, workshop / focus group style engagement events to capture views of community
September / October 2019	Workshop / engagement event with HWB members to finalise aims and key priorities of the JHWS

Engagement process thus far identified five overarching principles and three main key areas:

Five Guiding Principles:

1. Making health everyone's business
2. Collaborative partnership
3. Innovation as well as evidence-based decisions
4. Considering everyone's needs across the life course and reducing inequalities in health
5. Co-design approach

Three Main Key Areas:

1. Creating a healthier place and resilient communities
 - *Priorities include; improving air quality, access to open spaces and leisure activities, accessible healthy food and drinking water and developing one social prescribing model for the borough.*
2. Improving the healthy life expectancy for all
 - *Priorities include; tackling child poverty related health issues, autism across the life course, cardiovascular disease (including diabetes) and early recognition of dementia.*
3. Ensuring coordinated holistic care, when we need it
 - *Priorities include; an aging well model, timely access to primary care (including reducing referral times) and healthcare services that adequately supports the specific needs of those with complex needs such as mental health and learning difficulties.*

Draft Principles, Key Areas and emerging priorities will be further developed to crystallise specific work programmes and to ensure that lessons from COVID-19 Pandemic are being integrated as well as to consider longer-term impact of the COVID-19 on health and wellbeing of our residents.

Proposed process

Below is an outline of the revised process for development of the strategy:

Estimated time	Activity
July 2020	Engagement with LBB officers and partners – workshop with Public Health team and relevant officers to discuss focus areas and implementation of new strategy
September 2020	Engagement with communities – LBB to explore commissioning focus group engagement from Healthwatch Barnet looking at health impacts on local communities including Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities.
October 2020	Draft JHWS to be signed off by HWBB at October meeting
October – December 2020	Consultation Consultation period to include further engagement with local residents and key stakeholders.
January 2021	Addressing comments received through consultation
January or March 2021	Final sign off by HWBB meeting and publication – HWBB date TBC (sign off powers to be delegated to Chair if no meeting is scheduled)

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